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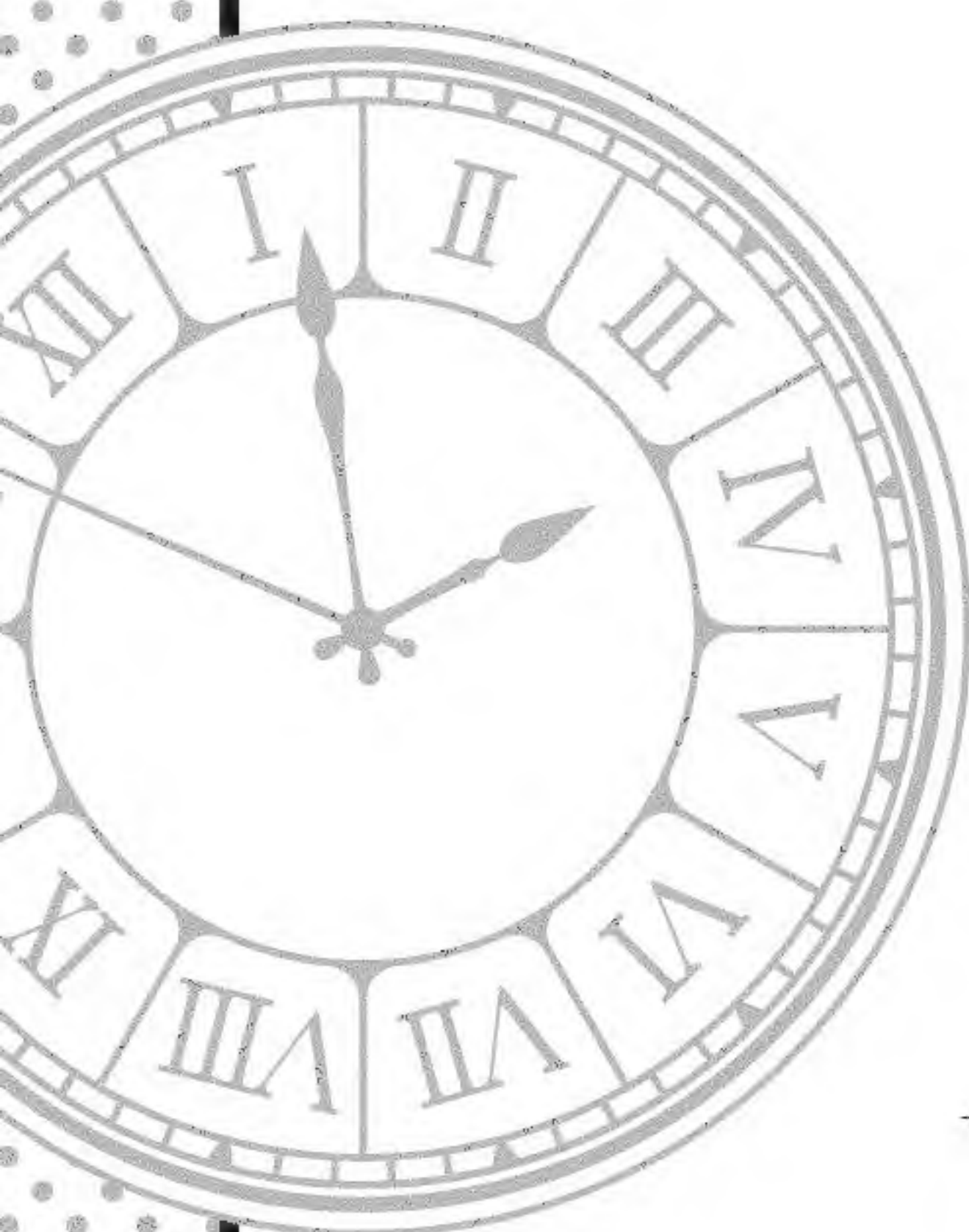
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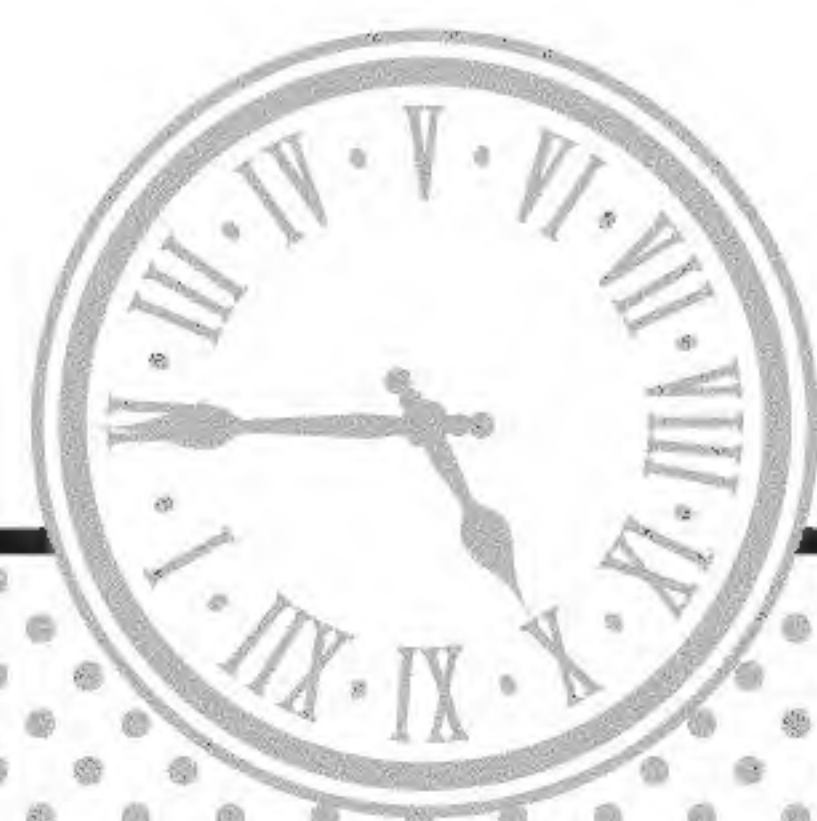
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CHAPTER 22

What Kind of Person Are You?



You must
really dislike
this elixir,
Rishe.



But your fatal
flaw is only
wanting to use
that knowledge
to make others
happy.

Educated in a
wide variety
of interesting
subjects.

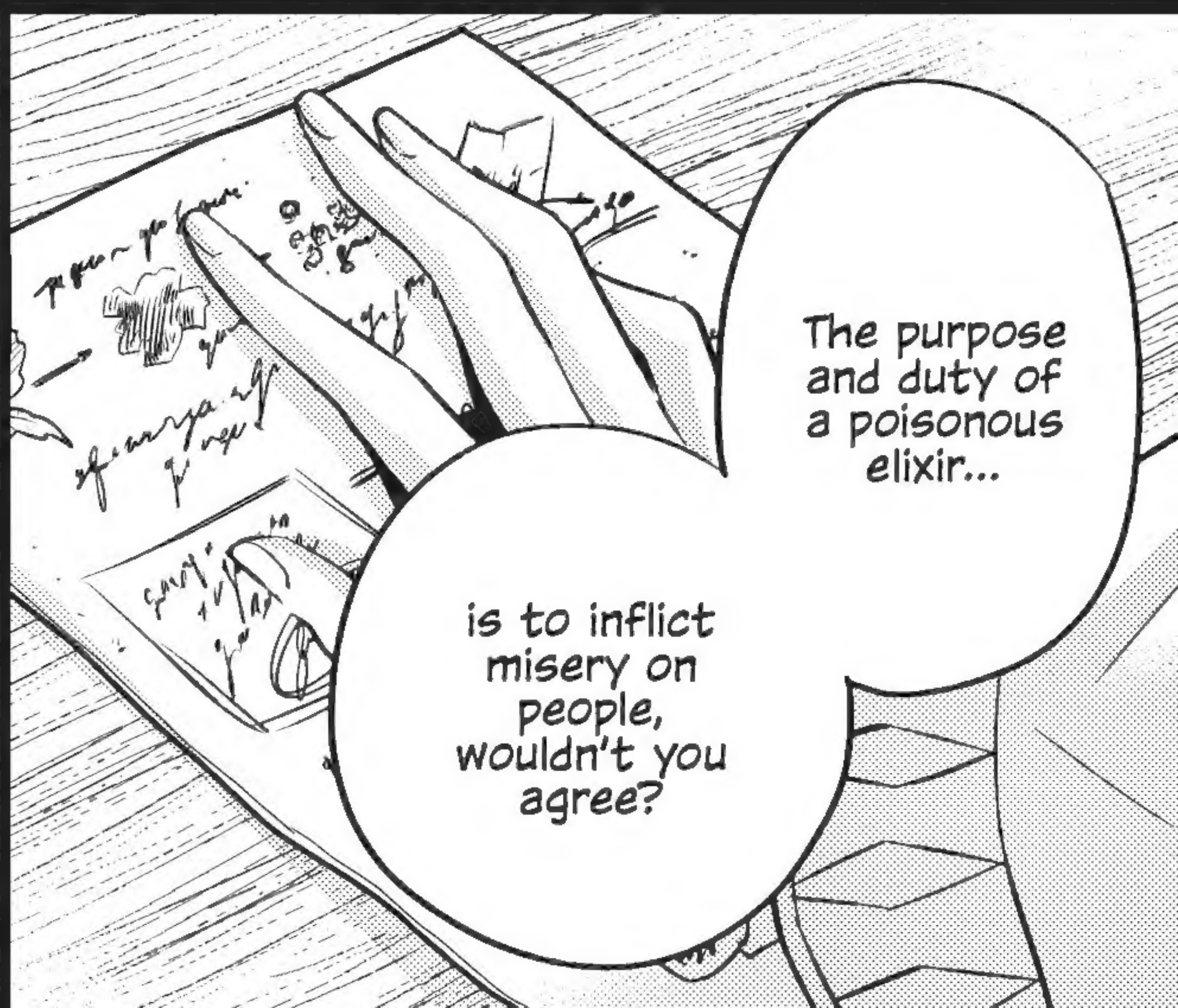
You're a
smart
girl.



I think it's
wrong for
you to decide
who becomes
happy.

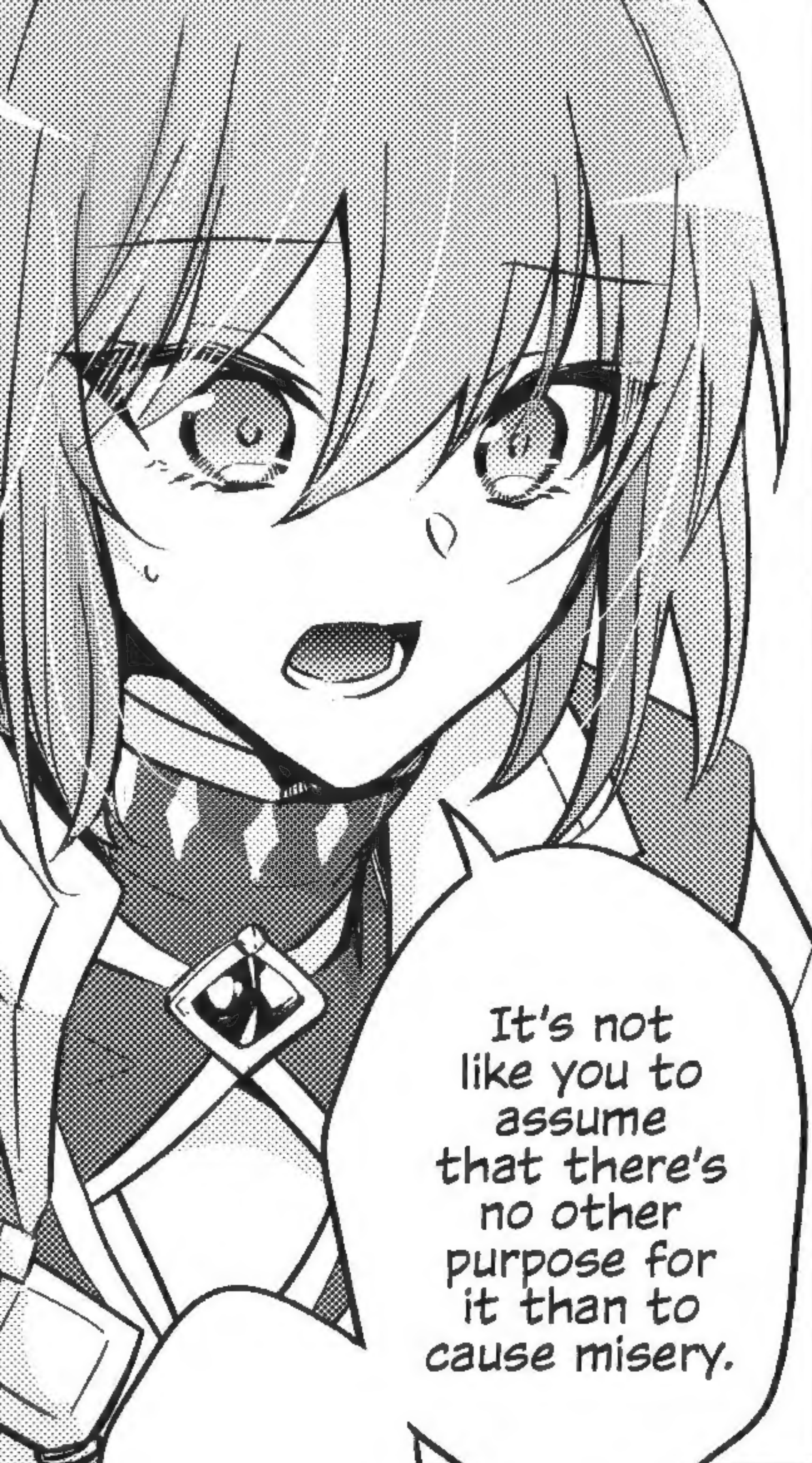


I just
don't
under-
stand.



The purpose
and duty of
a poisonous
elixir...

is to inflict
misery on
people,
wouldn't you
agree?



It's not like you to assume that there's no other purpose for it than to cause misery.

It's as if--

You don't need to worry. It's not ready yet.



Is there really no way...

for a poison to make someone happy?



But I don't have anyone I can test it on.

As a chemical, it's complete.



Hm?
Let's
see...

And what
kind of
person
would that
be?



who will
use this
substance
the way
I want.

There's
no one...



WE ENDED
UP PARTING
WAYS, AND
I NEVER SAW
HIM AGAIN.

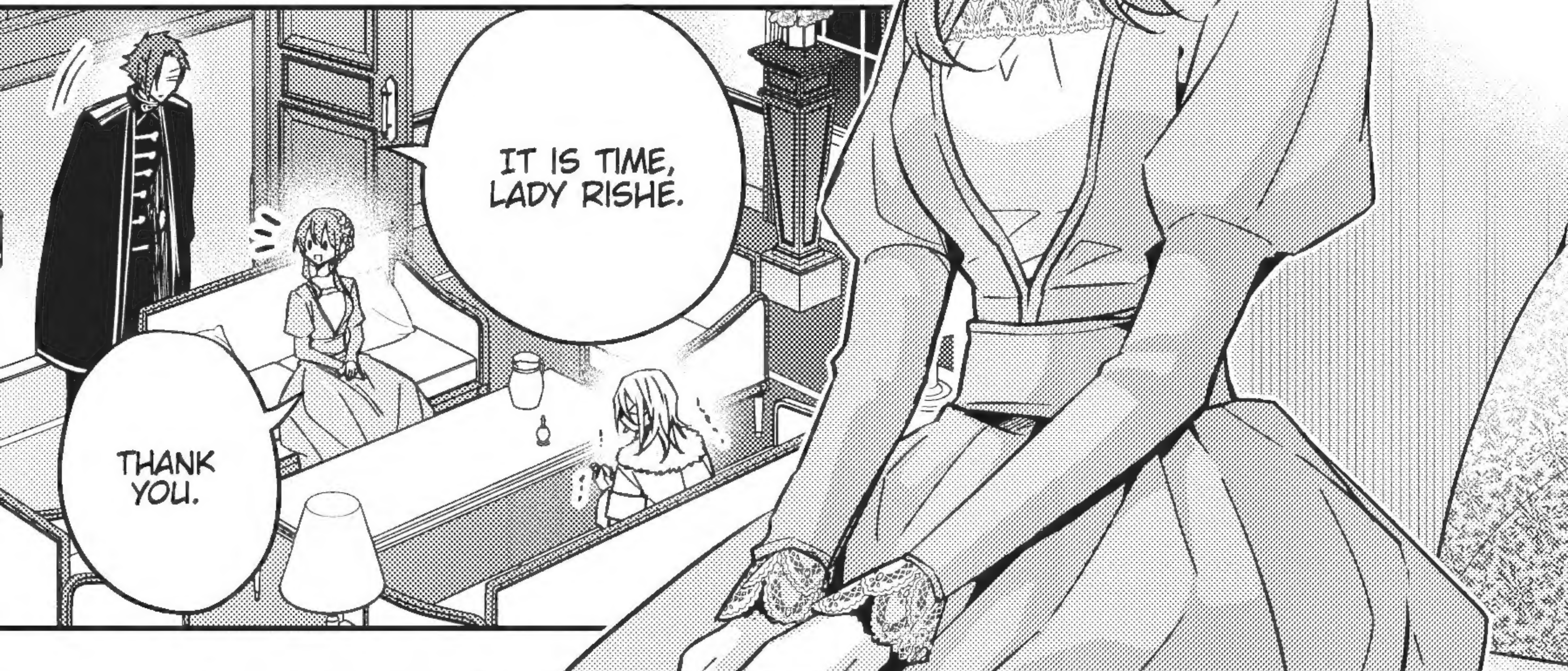
Until I can
find them,
that will
remain a
secret.



I WONDER IF HE EVER FOUND WHO HE WAS LOOKING FOR.

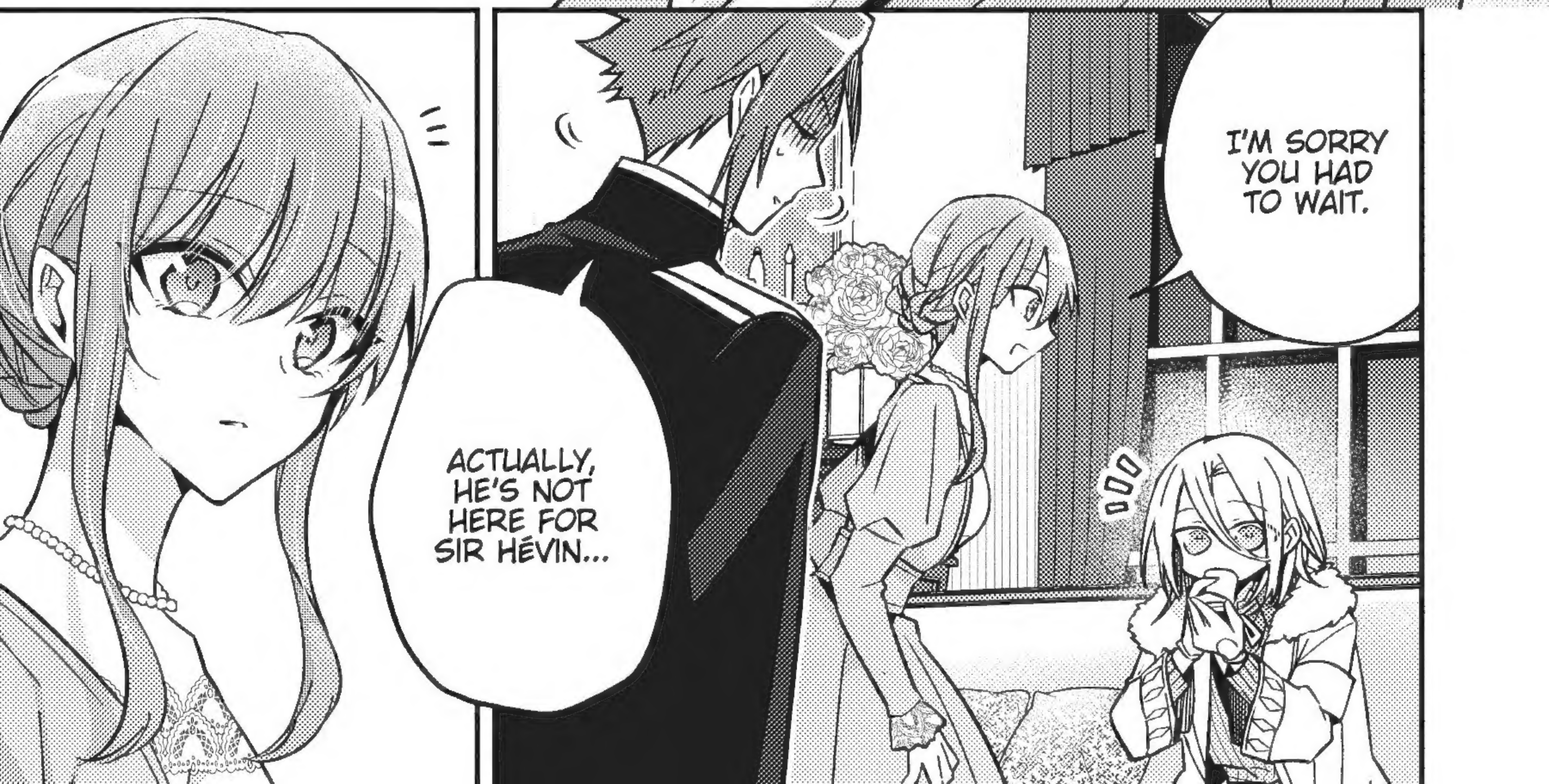
PRINCE KYLE RETURNED TO HIS ROOM.

UGH...



IT IS TIME, LADY RISHE.

THANK YOU.

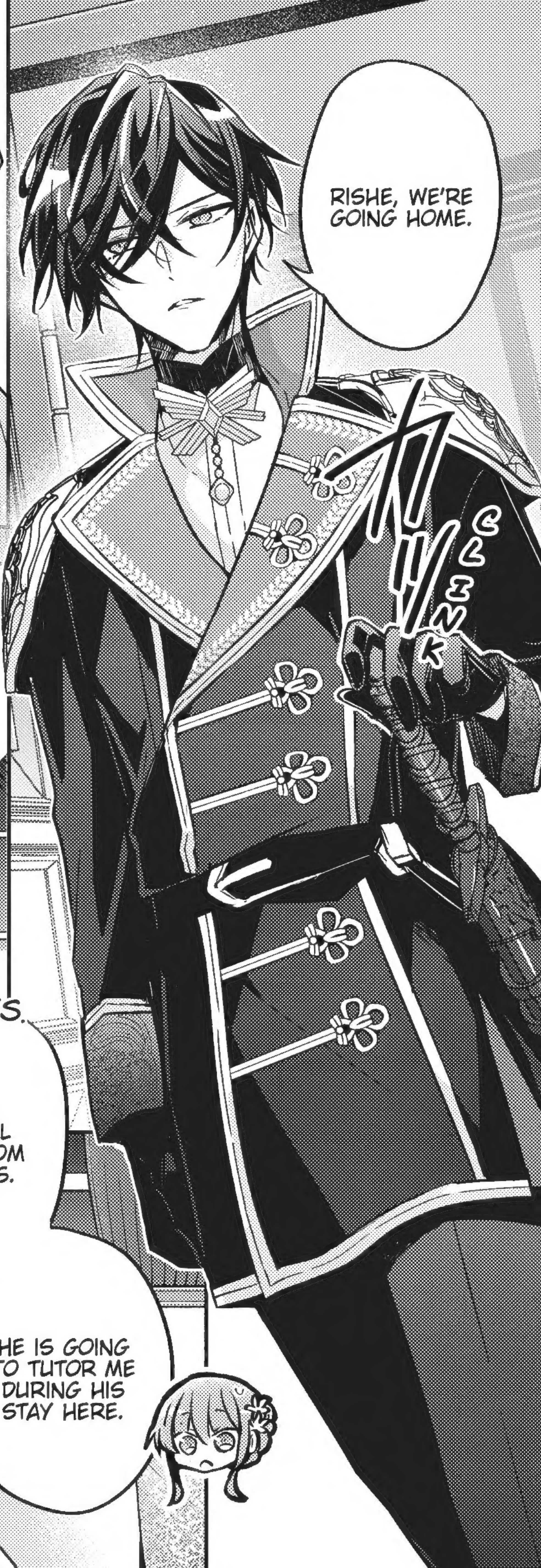


ACTUALLY, HE'S NOT HERE FOR SIR HÉVIN...

I'M SORRY YOU HAD TO WAIT.



WHY HAS
PRINCE
ARNOLD
COME TO
PICK ME
UP?!



RISHE, WE'RE
GOING HOME.



HE MUST BE THE
SCHOLAR
I'VE
HEARD
ABOUT.

I ALREADY
NOTIFIED HIM
THAT I WAS
PREPARING
PRINCE
KYLE'S
MEDICINE.

YES.

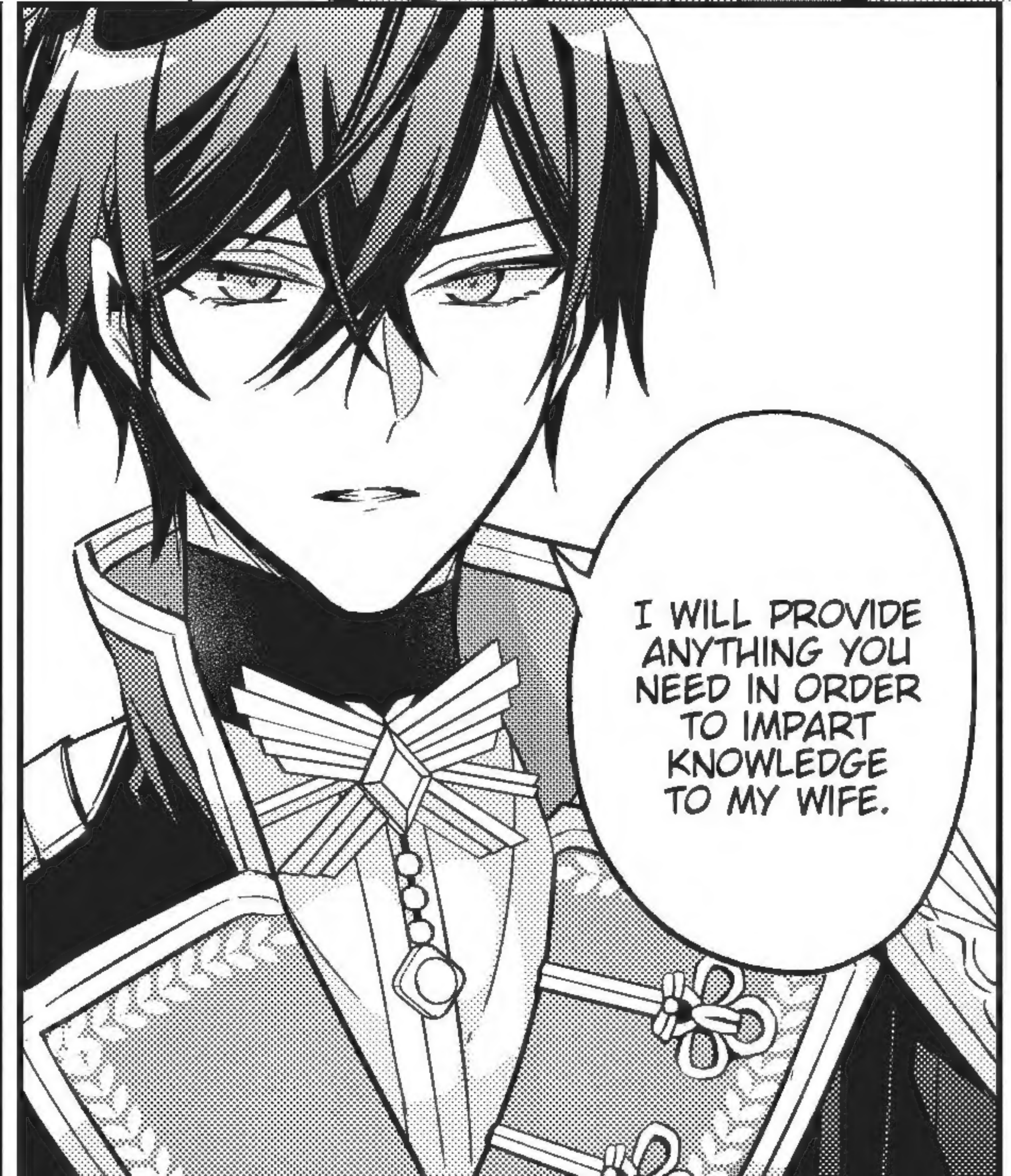


I AM
HONORED.

THIS
IS MICHEL
HÉVIN FROM
COYOLLES.

HE IS GOING
TO TUTOR ME
DURING HIS
STAY HERE.









HIS SMILE
HASN'T
CHANGED.

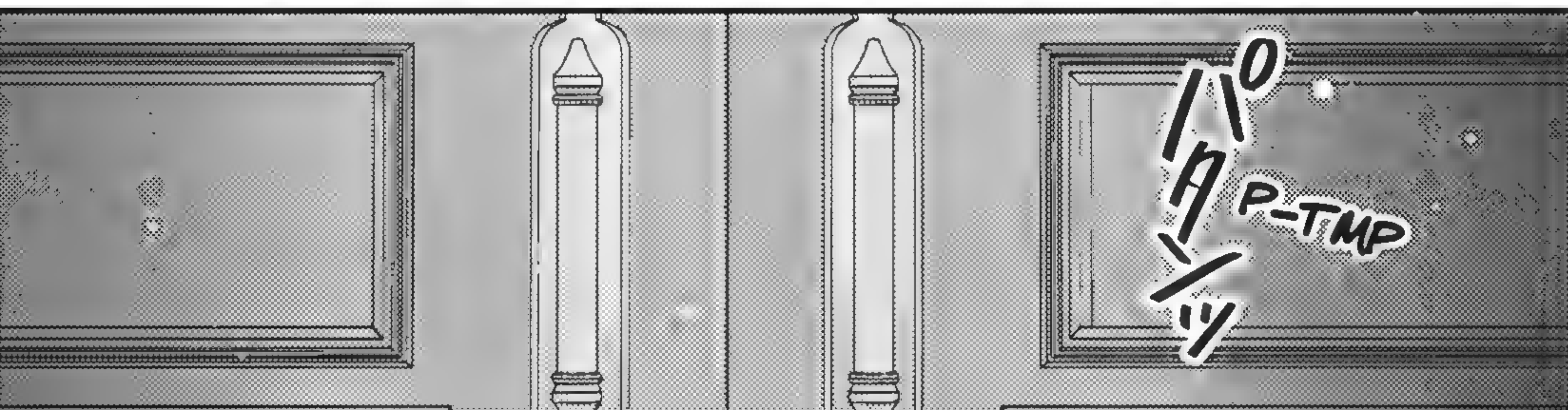
YES, I
WILL.



THOSE
DAYS...

THANK
YOU, SIR.

SEEM SO
LONG AGO
NOW.



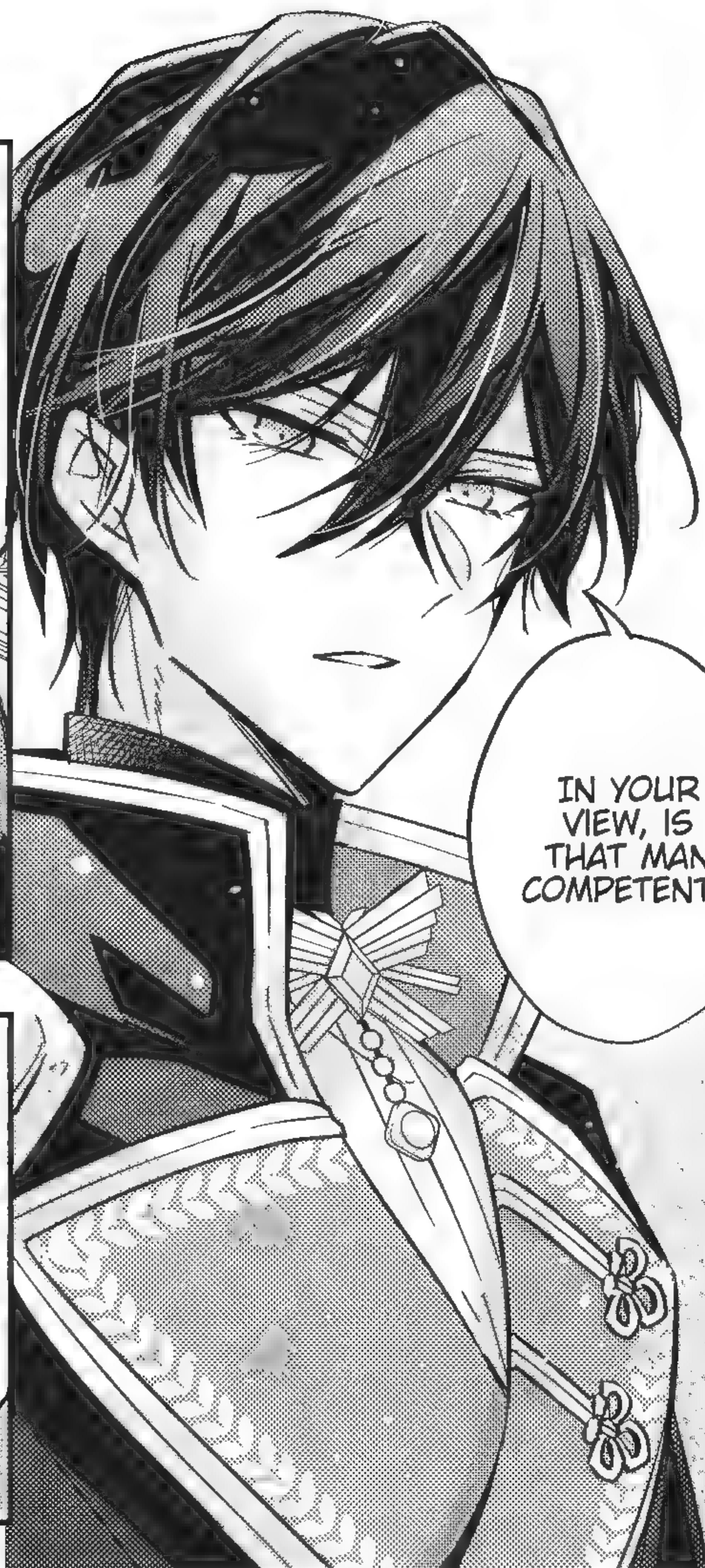
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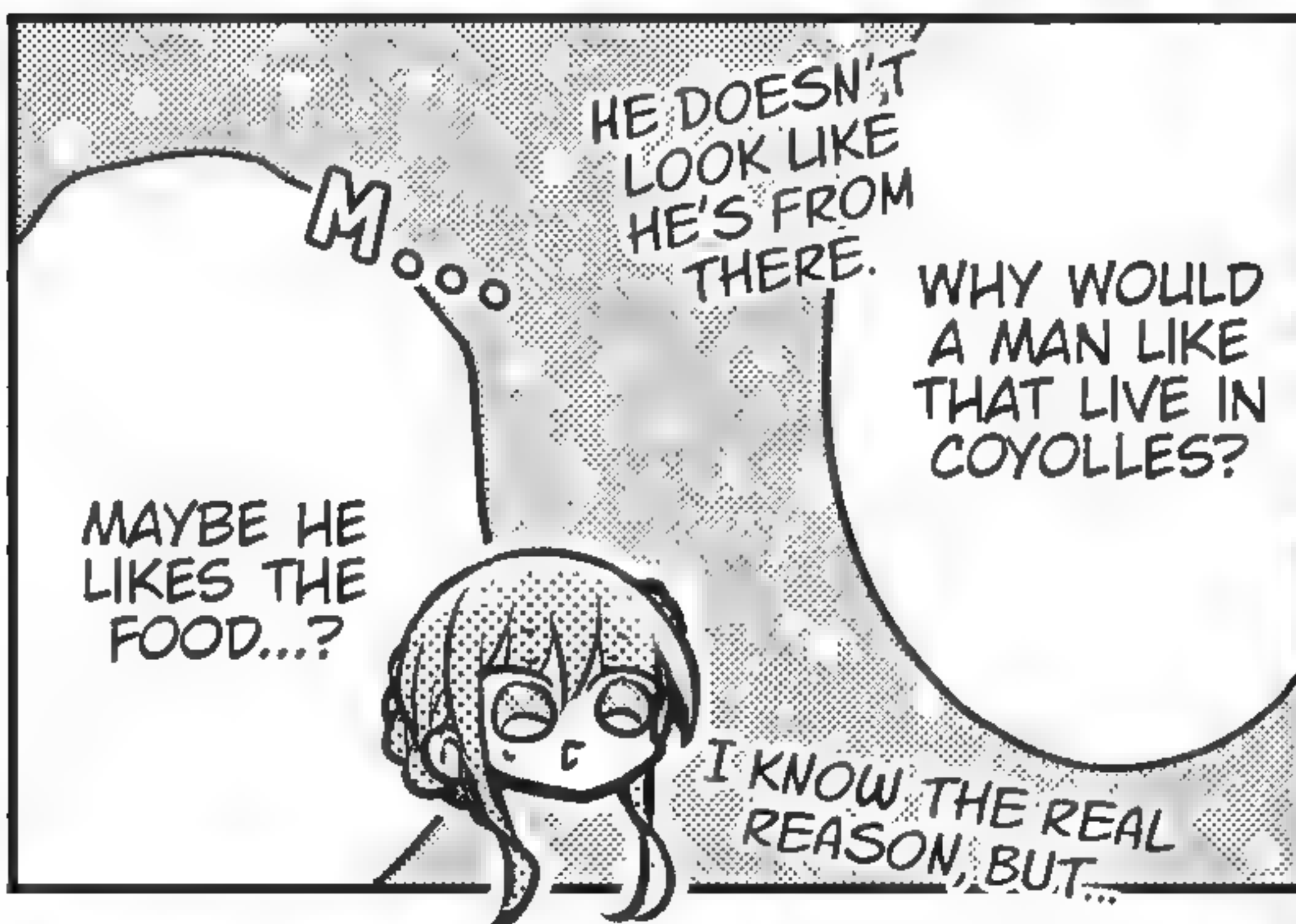
IT WOULD BE PRESUMPTUOUS FOR ME TO ASSESS HIM.

OF COURSE!

EVERYONE IN HIS FIELD KNOWS ABOUT HIM.



IN YOUR VIEW, IS THAT MAN COMPETENT?



Mooo
MAYBE HE LIKES THE FOOD...?

HE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE HE'S FROM THERE.

WHY WOULD A MAN LIKE THAT LIVE IN COYOLLES?

I KNOW THE REAL REASON, BUT...



ANYWAY...

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO COME PICK ME UP?

IT APPEARS THEY'VE FINISHED MOVING MY THINGS TO THE VILLA.

I HAD-PENED TO BE ON MY WAY HOME.



IT SEEMS HE HOLDS A DIM VIEW OF COYOLLES.



COOL COOL!
知恵一!!

YAY!

THERE'S
FINALLY SOME
PHYSICAL
DISTANCE
BETWEEN
PRINCE
ARNOLD AND
HIS FATHER!



DOES THAT
MEAN WE'RE
GOING TO BE
NEIGHBORS
STARTING
TODAY?

THAT'S
RIGHT.



WELL,
IT WAS A BIG
PROJECT!

YOU
LOOK
RE-
LIEVED.

I WANT THEM
TO AVOID
CONTACT WITH
EACH OTHER
AS MUCH AS
POSSIBLE.

TO STOP THE
COUP D'ETAT
TRIGGERED
BY HIS
PATRICIDE...



I'LL HAVE TO
THANK THE
MAIDS. THEY
WORKED VERY
HARD.

LADY RISHE! ♡

WE CLEANED
THE ROYAL
VILLA AND
HELD STUDY
SESSIONS.

IT MEANS
SO MUCH TO
FINALLY HAVE
YOU THERE.



MY PRIDE
AS A FORMER
MAID WOULD
NEVER HAVE
ALLOWED THAT.

STILL,
IT WOULD
HAVE BEEN
AMUSING TO
MOVE IN EARLY
AND WATCH
YOU FIX THAT
CASTLE UP.

HEH!

BLAZE



URK...

I AM
TRYING TO
GO TO BED
EARLIER,
THOUGH...

IF YOU GO TO
BED LATE, YOU
WON'T BE ABLE
TO RECOVER
YOUR ENERGY.

MORNINGS.

SO
DON'T BE
ALARMED IF
YOU DON'T
SEE ME
AROUND THE
VILLA.

OH!
I'LL BE
SLEEPING
IN FOR THE
NEXT FEW
DAYS...



I'LL
LEND THIS
TO YOU, SO
HOLD ON
TO IT.

TOSS
1.2
CATCH

HERE.

YOU
CAUGHT
IT EASILY
ENOUGH.

WE
SHOULDN'T
BE CARELESS
WITH SOME-
THING SO
EXPENSIVE...!

A POCKET
WATCH?!

THIS
POCKET
WATCH...

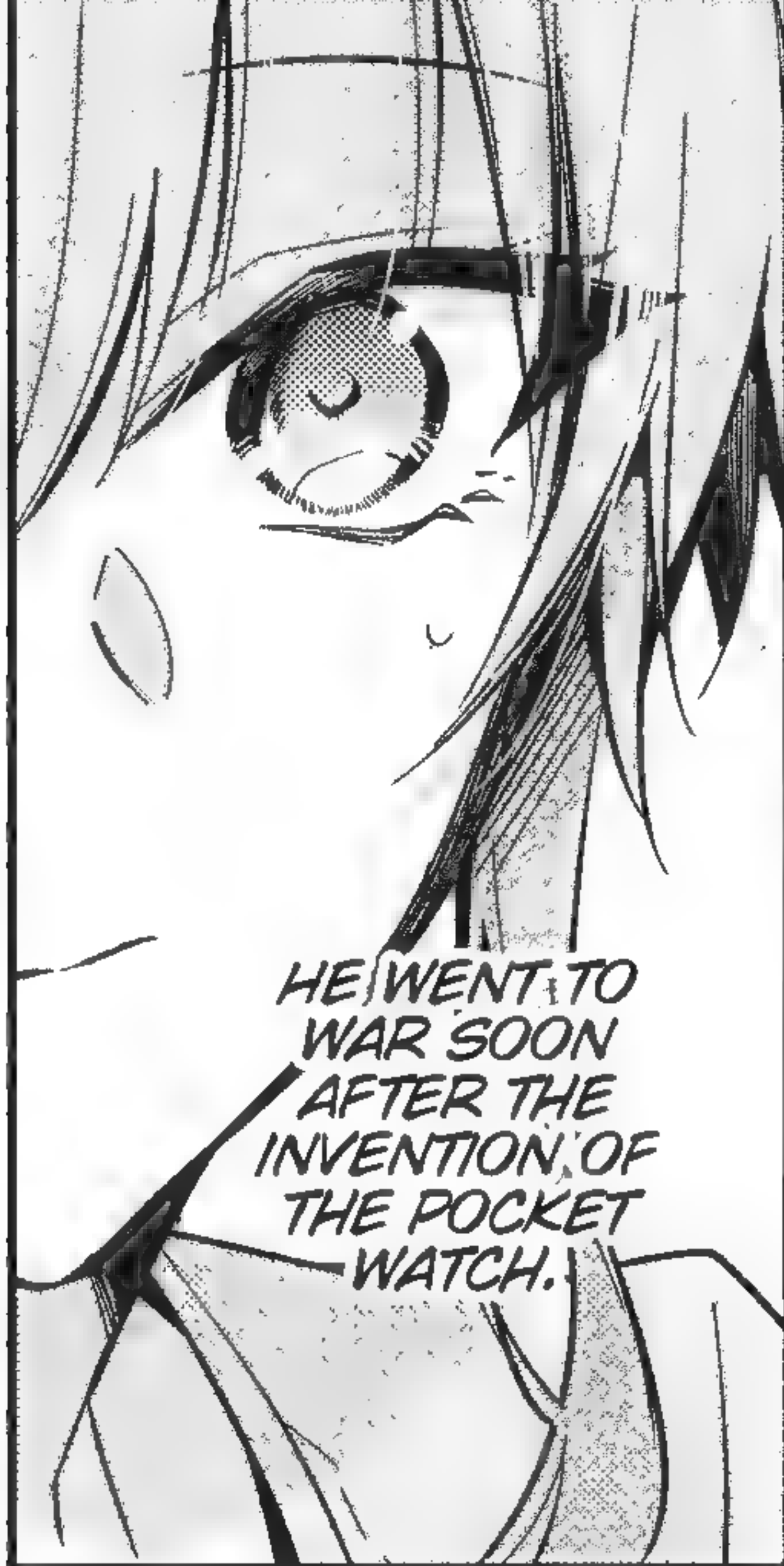
AS LONG
AS IT'S
CALIBRAT-
ED, IT'S
ACCURATE.

I
TESTED ITS
RELIABILITY
MANY TIMES
BEFORE
PUTTING IT
TO ACTUAL
USE.

IT WAS
EASY TO
CARRY
AROUND
AND
PROVED
USEFUL
ON THE
BATTLE-
FIELD.

WAS INVENTED
ABOUT FOUR
YEARS AGO.
UNLIKE A
CLOCK TOWER,
IT'S PORTABLE.

I CAN'T
BORROW
SOMETHING
THIS VALL-
ABLE.



HE WENT TO
WAR SOON
AFTER THE
INVENTION OF
THE POCKET
WATCH.



EXACTLY.

IF WE ACT
BASED ON THE
SUN OR THE
ENVIRONMENT,
A CHANGE
IN WEATHER
WOULD UPSET
OUR PLANS.

DO YOU
MEAN
TACTI-
CALLY
USEFUL?

AS IN, IT
MADE IT
EASIER TO
COORDINATE
ATTACKS WITH
OTHERS SINCE
EVERYONE
COULD TELL
TIME ACCU-
RATELY?



INSTEAD
OF USING IT
BLINDLY, HE
RESEARCHED
HOW IT COULD BE
IMPLEMENTED...

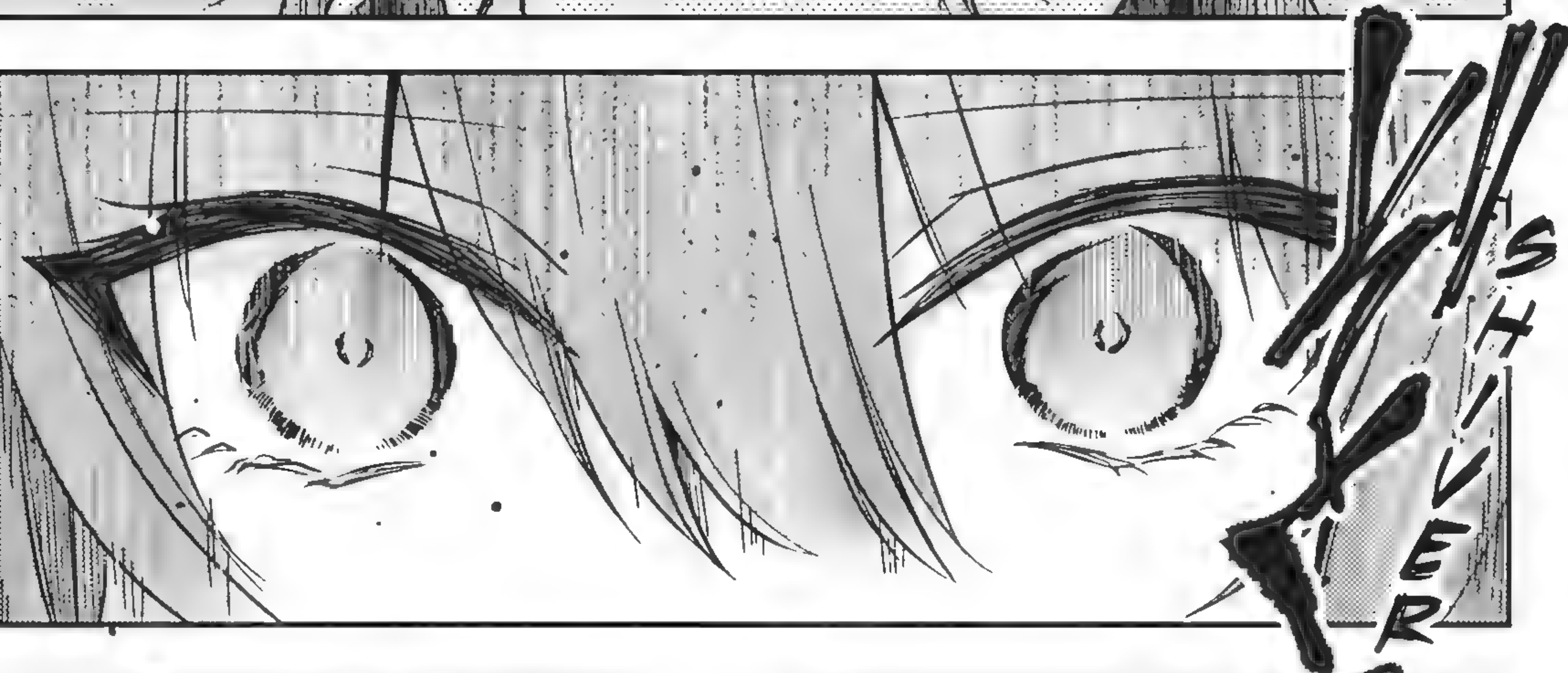
AND DEvised
NEW STRATEGIES
BASED ON
THIS NEW
TECHNOLOGY.

A COUNTRY
STUCK IN THE
PAST WOULD
NEVER BE ABLE
TO WIN A WAR
AGAINST PRINCE
ARNOLD.



"WHO WOULD
USE THIS
CHEMICAL THE
WAY I WANT."

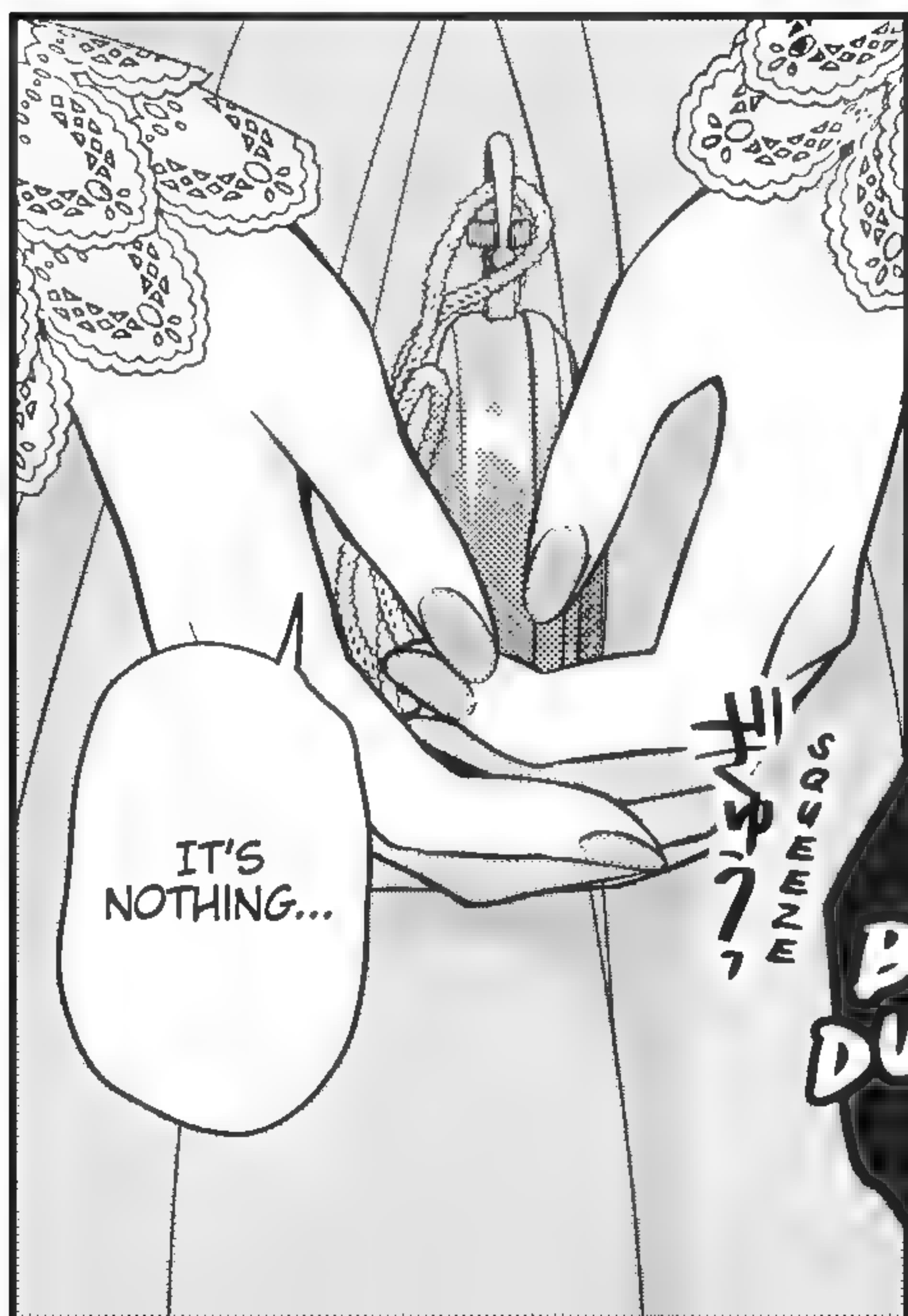
"IF ONLY
THERE WAS
SOMEONE..."



SHIVER



WHAT
IS
GOING
ON





I'LL HOLD
ONTO THIS
FOR NOW,
THEN.

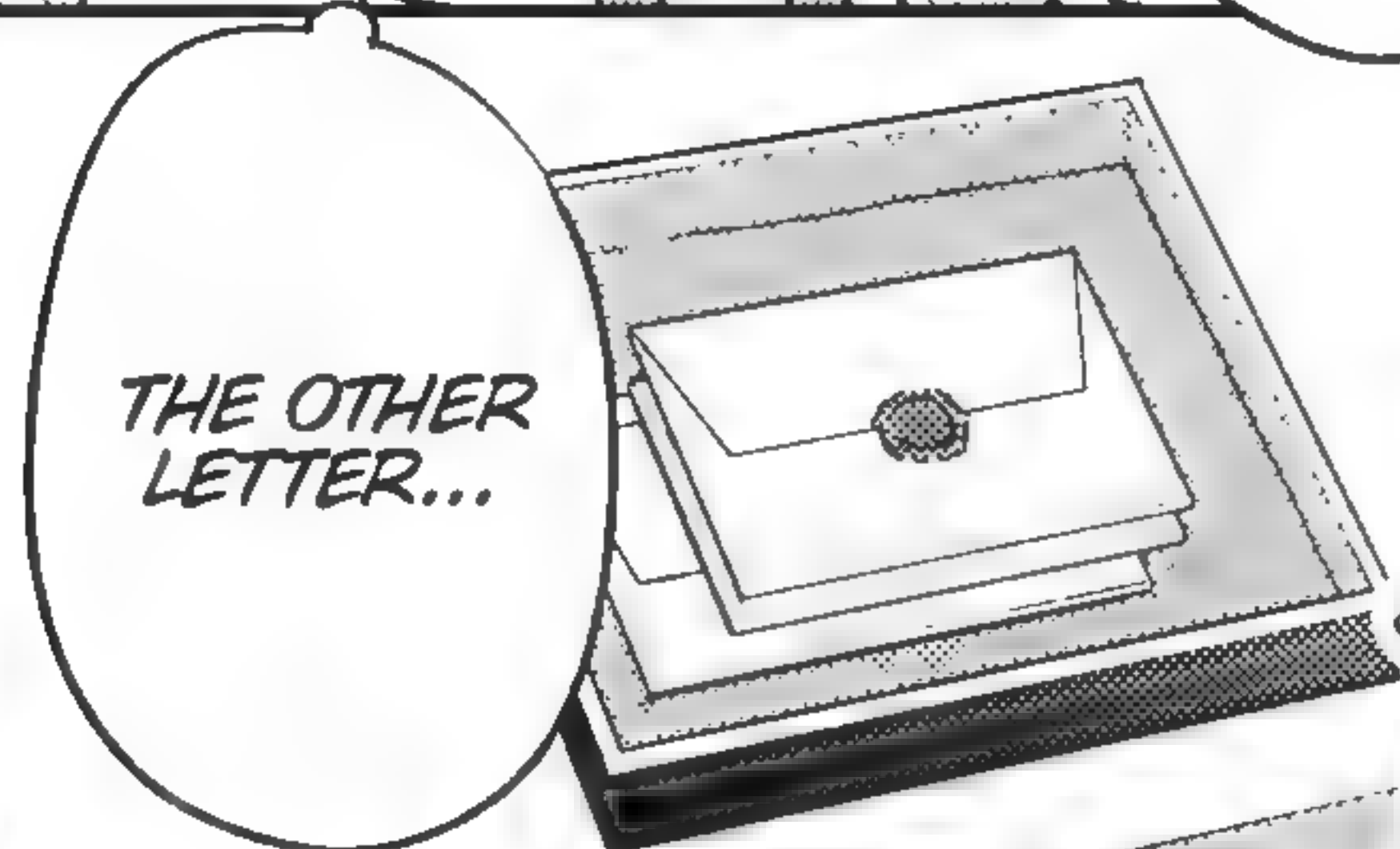


IT'S FROM
LADY MARY.

SHE'S
WORKING HARD
TO REFORM MY
FORMER FIANCE,
DIETRICH.



I'LL HAVE
TO WRITE
BACK TO
HER LATER.



THE OTHER
LETTER...

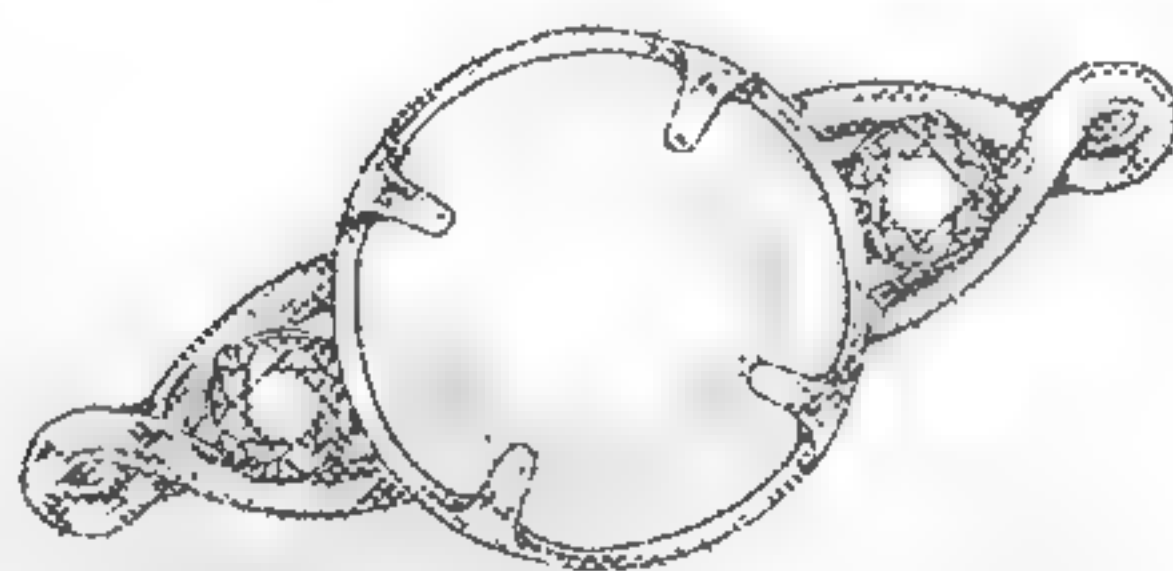


Informant says
Blue stone



CONTAINS
THE DESIGNS
FOR THE RING
THAT I'M
TO RECEIVE
FROM PRINCE
ARNOLD.

Informant says
Blue stone



"GOOD DAY TO YOU, LADY RISHE."

"I AM THE PROPRIETOR OF CRYSTAL LIGHT JEWELERS."

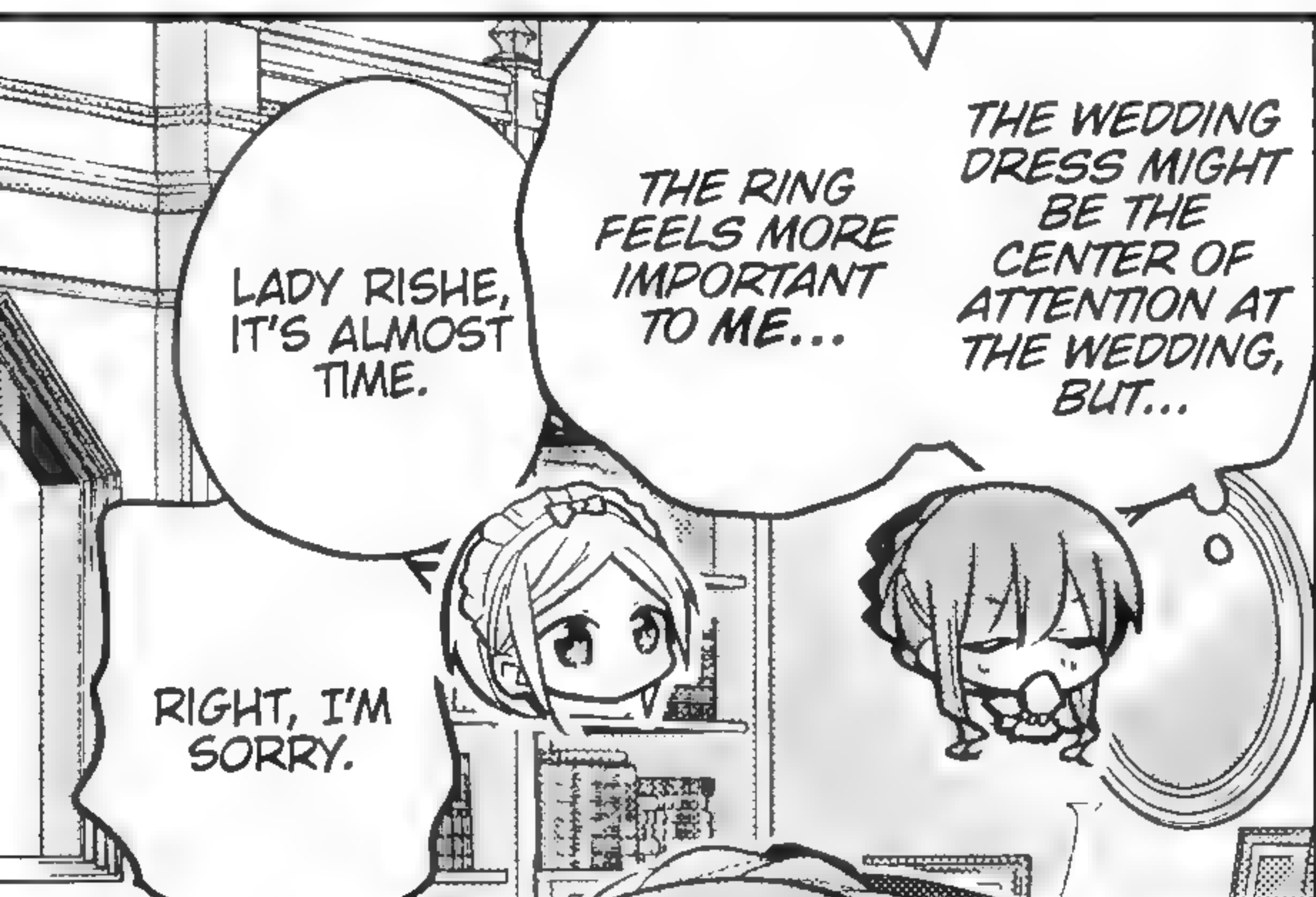
"I AM SENDING YOU THE FINISHED
DESIGN AS DRAWN BY MY GRANDSON."

"WE INFORMED YOU EARLIER THAT IT WOULD TAKE
A MONTH TO COMPLETE, BUT IT SEEMS THAT AN
ARTIFICER FROM COYOLLES IS IN THE CAPITAL."

HER
GRANDSON...



"YOU WILL BE PLEASED TO KNOW THAT, IF WE
COMMISSION THIS CRAFTSMAN, WE WILL BE ABLE
TO SHORTEN THE PRODUCTION TIME SIGNIFICANTLY."

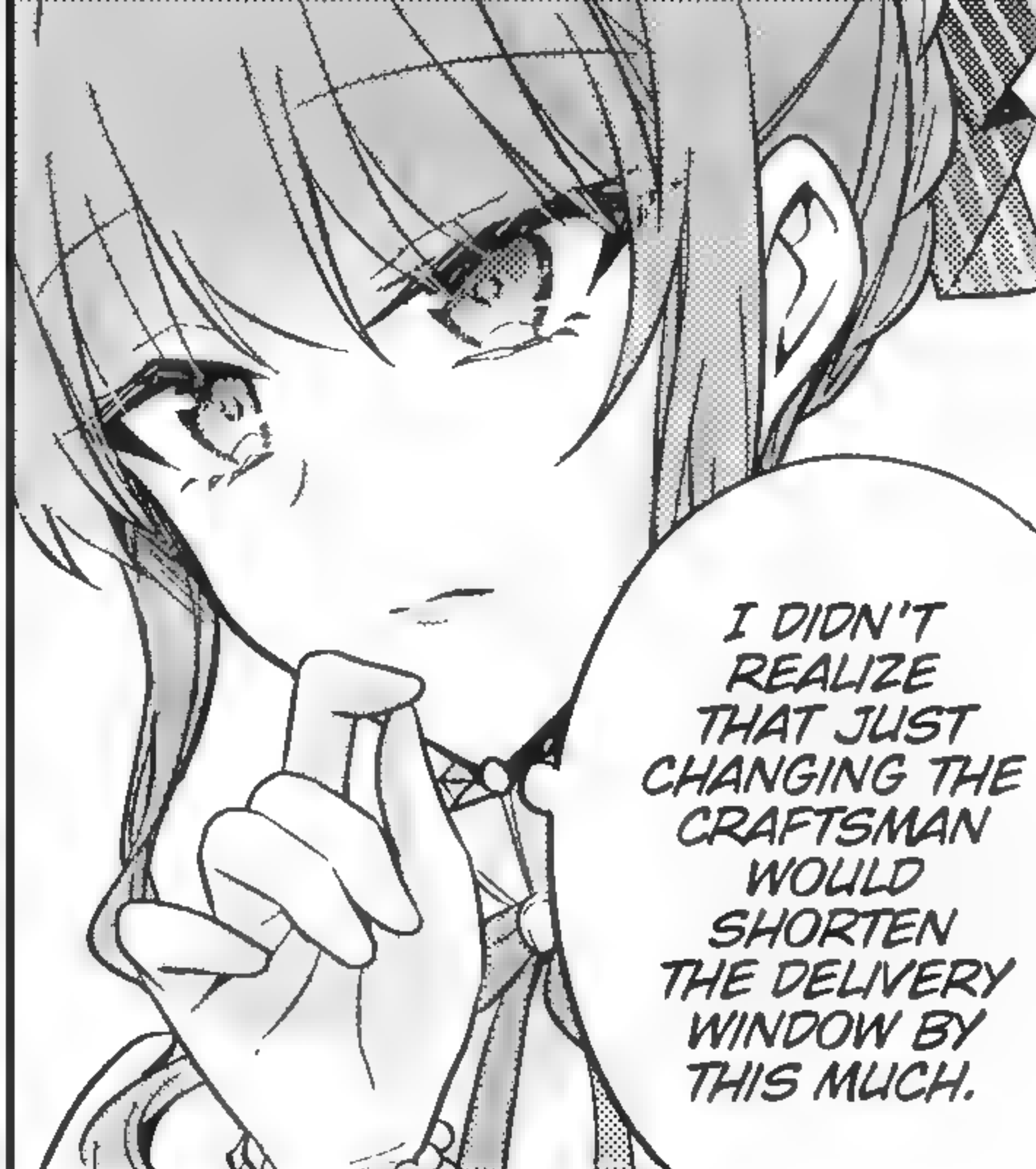


LADY RISHE,
IT'S ALMOST
TIME.

THE RING
FEELS MORE
IMPORTANT
TO ME...

THE WEDDING
DRESS MIGHT
BE THE
CENTER OF
ATTENTION AT
THE WEDDING,
BUT...

RIGHT, I'M
SORRY.



I DIDN'T
REALIZE
THAT JUST
CHANGING THE
CRAFTSMAN
WOULD
SHORTEN
THE DELIVERY
WINDOW BY
THIS MUCH.



IT'S TIME TO
FOCUS ALL MY
ATTENTION...

IN
HALE

AND
NOW...



ON PRINCE
KYLE'S
WELCOME
GALA.



IT'S RATHER
OBVIOUS THAT
YOU DON'T
WANT TO BE
HERE.

YOUR
HIGHNESS.



THAT'S
FINE. I'M
MAKING IT
OBVIOUS.

PRINCE
ARNOLD.

THANK YOU
FOR HOSTING
THIS GALA.



MY
OBLIGATIONS
ARE DONE.

THANK
YOU.

I HOPE
THAT YOU
HAVE A
WONDERFUL
NIGHT.

IT'S AS IF
YOU'RE AN
ENCHANTED
FLOWER, RADI-
ANT AGAINST
THE MOONLIT
SKY.

YOU LOOK
BEAUTIFUL
AS ALWAYS.

LADY
RISHE.



THIS GALA IS
BEING HELD FOR
THAT EXPRESS
PURPOSE...

PRINCE
ARNOLD WILL
NOW INTRODUCE
PRINCE KYLE
TO THE HIGH-
RANKING NOBLES
AND LORDS.



I'LL
SEE YOU
LATER!

PRINCE
KYLE, I
HOPE YOU
ENJOY
YOURSELF.

✦
✦
✦
SCOOT
SCOOT

I'LL GO CHAT
WITH SOME
OF THE OTHER
LADIES.

BUT SINCE
I'M JUST
HIS FIANCÉE,
I AM NOT
NEEDED
HERE.



THIS
SHOULD BE
ENOUGH
DISTANCE.

I HAVE TO USE
THE SKILLS I
CULTIVATED IN
MY FIFTH LIFE!

INHALE

FOCUS.



MERCHANT SHIPS FROM AROUND THE WORLD ARE HEADING TO THE PORTS HERE.

CHATTER

CHATTER

STEP

STEP

THANK YOU FOR THE TEA YOU GIFTED ME THE OTHER DAY.

PRINCE KYLE IS AS BEAUTIFUL AS A SNOW SPIRIT, JUST AS I'D HEARD.

CHATTER

CHATTER

THERE IS NO COUNTRY IN THE WORLD THAT WOULD WANT TO GO TO WAR AGAINST GALKHEIN.

CLINK

OH? I PREFER PRINCE ARNOLD'S SHARP-EYED, DIGNIFIED SORT OF BEAUTY...

CHATTER

CHATTER

THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS COUNTRY AFTER THE WAR IS ALL THANKS TO HIS MAJESTY.

LORD LAWVINE IS HERE FROM THE NORTH.



BLINK
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ん

I'VE FOUND
YOU...

LORD
LAWVINE.



BY NOW, I'VE LEARNED WHAT HIS PRESENCE FEELS LIKE.

I NEED TO HIDE FROM LORD LAWVINE AT ALL COSTS.

GOOD EVENING, LADY RISHE.

DOESN'T FIND OUT.

MAKE SURE MY BROTHER...

IF I SPEAK TO HIM, HE'LL FIGURE OUT THAT I'M LUCIUS.

AND IF THAT HAPPENS, I WON'T BE ABLE TO CONTINUE MY TRAINING.

PRINCE ARNOLD WILL FIND OUT TOO.

I MUST ALSO ENSURE I'M NOT BEING RUDE TO THE GUESTS.

LADY BARTHEL, THANK YOU FOR THE OTHER DAY.

I WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE KNIGHTS OF THIS COUNTRY.

LADY RISHE, I'VE NEVER SEEN A DRESS AS BEAUTIFUL AS YOURS BEFORE.

I CAN'T ACT OUT OF PLACE.

THANK YOU. IT WAS PURCHASED FROM THE ARIA TRADING COMPANY.



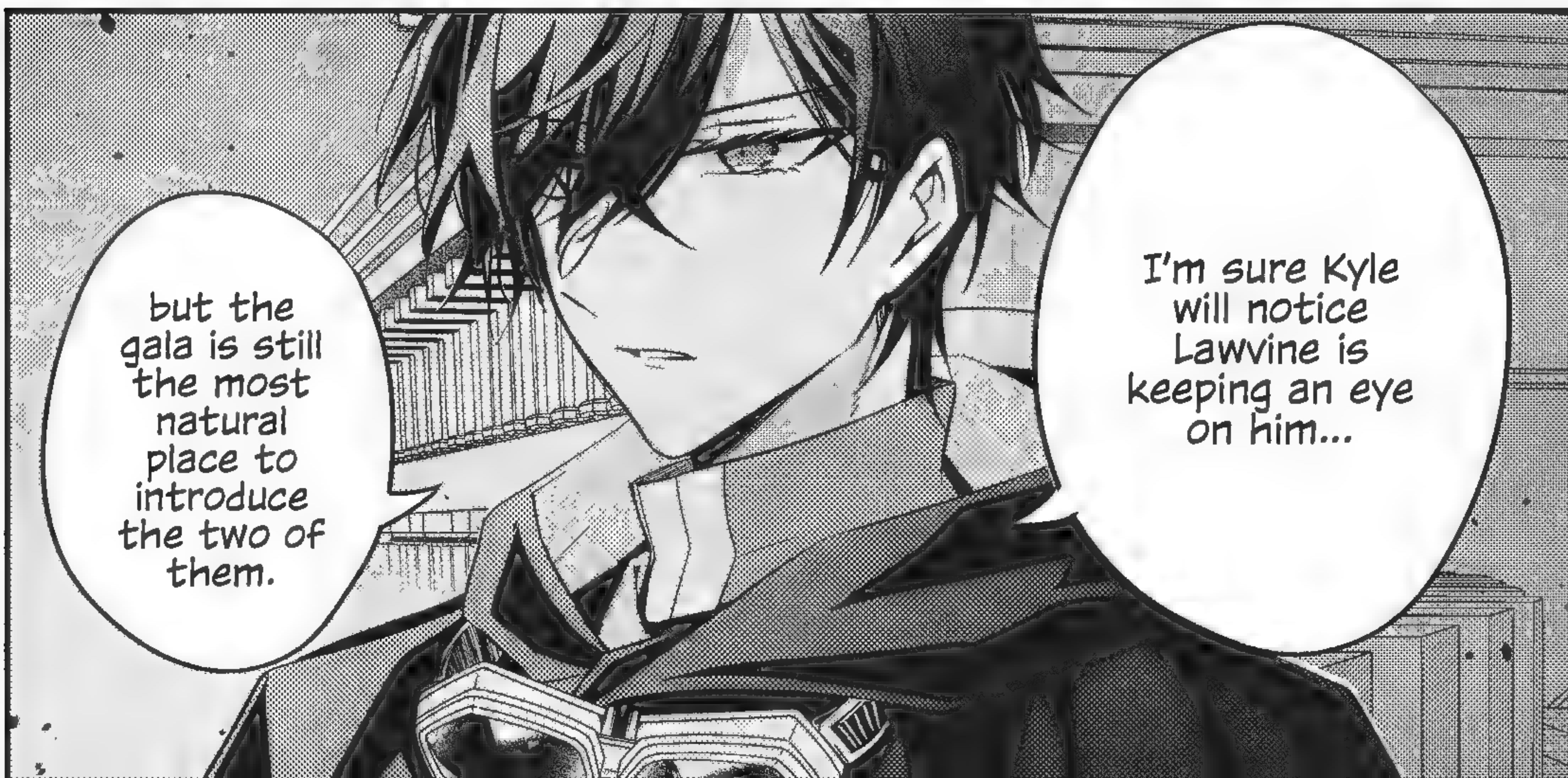
I CAN'T LET
ANYONE
REALIZE THAT
I'M ACTIVELY
TRYING
TO AVOID
SOMEONE.



ONCE HE
FINDS PRINCE
ARNOLD, HE'LL
APPROACH HIM.



LORD
LAWVINE IS IN
THE CENTER OF
THE HALL.



but the
gala is still
the most
natural
place to
introduce
the two of
them.

I'm sure Kyle
will notice
Lawvine is
keeping an eye
on him...



EMPEROR
ARNOLD
HEIN...



AND
EXECUTED
LORD
LAWVINE...



DESTROYED
COYOLLES...



KILLED HIS
FATHER...

STARTED A
WAR FIVE
YEARS
LATER...



THAT IS THE
WORLD HE
WILL CREATE.



THIS
SCENE...

IS LIKE
A WORK
OF ART...

IF A PORTRAIT
OF THESE TWO
WERE TO BE
PAINTED, I'M
SURE IT WOULD
BE WORTH A
LOT.

AND IF
IT SPREADS
FROM THE UPPER
CLASS TO THE
COMMON PEOPLE,
IT WOULD BRING
IN ENORMOUS
PROFITS.

I'M PONDERING
ABOUT A NEW
METHOD TO
REVITALIZE THE
ECONOMY.

LADY RISHE,
YOU LOOK
INSPIRED.

OH,
THAT'S
PERFECT,
THEN!

GOOD
EVENING.

GOOD
EVENING.

CHAPTER 23

Another Turning Point



IT'S NICE
TO MEET
YOU, YOUR
LORDSHIP.

I HEARD THAT
YOU VISITED
MY MOTHER'S
STORE THE
OTHER DAY.



IT IS A
PLEASURE
TO MEET
YOU, LADY
RISHE.

THIS IS
BARON
WEILMAN.

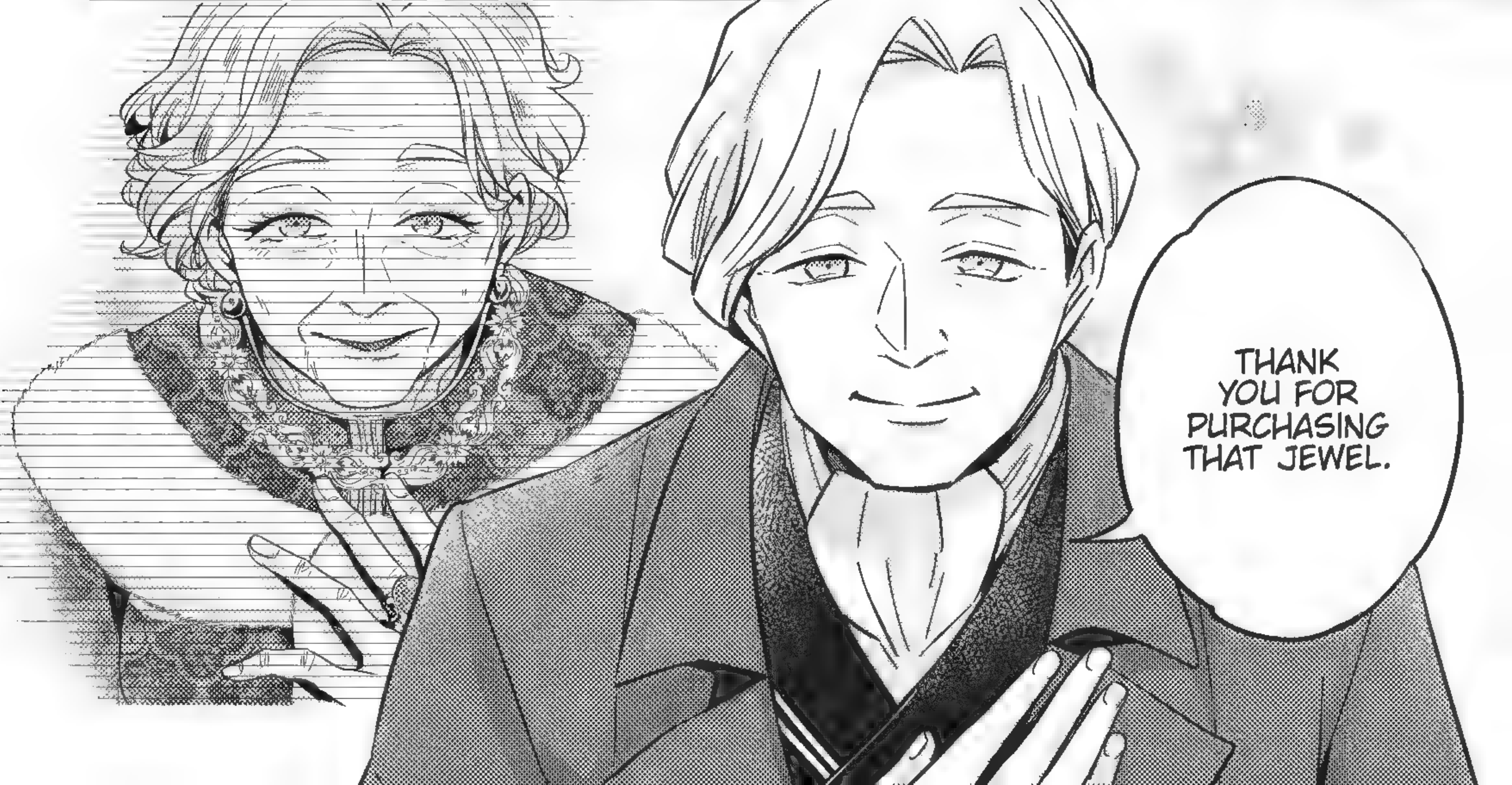


THEN YOUR
MOTHER
MUST BE...

ざわ
MURMUR
LADY
RISHE WAS
A CUSTOMER
AT THAT
EXCLUSIVE
STORE?!

WH-
WHAT?!

MURMUR
ざわ



THANK
YOU FOR
PURCHASING
THAT JEWEL.





COYOLLES IS A SNOWY COUNTRY, WHICH MEANS ITS CITIZENS SPEND A LOT OF TIME INDOORS.

IN CONTRAST, GALKHEIN ESTEEMS VALOR.

JEWELS ARE SOURCED THERE AS WELL, WHICH MAKES IT AN IDEAL ENVIRONMENT FOR ARTIFICERS AND THEIR CRAFT TO DEVELOP.

MOST OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE HERE TRAIN IN SWORDSMANSHIP AND THE ARTS OF WAR.

ARTIFICERS WERE ALREADY RARE, AND WE LOST MANY OF THEM DUE TO THE WARS.



WHOOPS.

AH...

OH YES, I'M SORRY.

APOLOGIES FOR THE LECTURE.

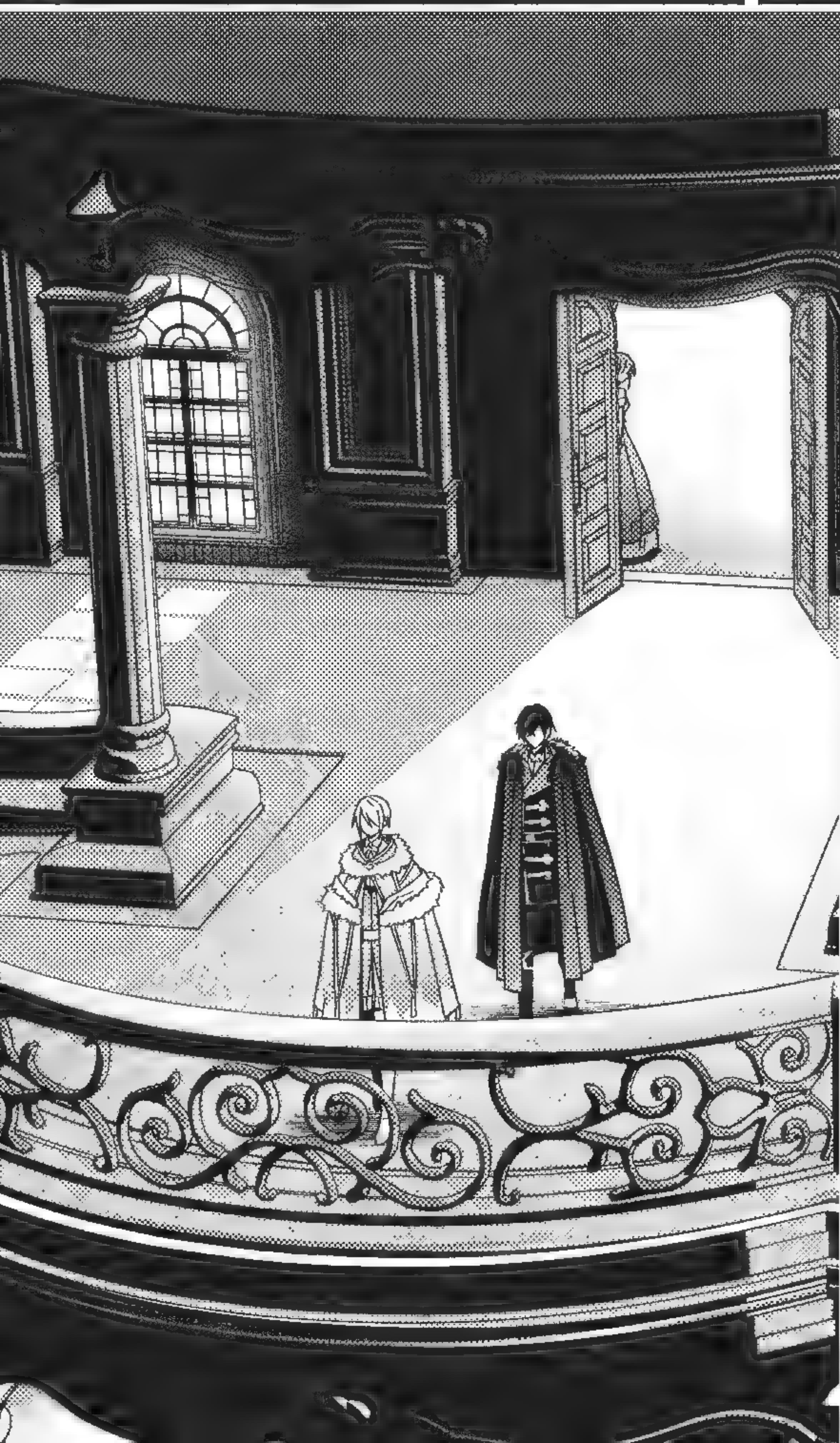
EVEN A COUNTRY THAT PRIDES ITSELF ON NEVER BEING DEFEATED HAS SUFFERED LOSSES IN OTHER WAYS.

NO, IT WAS VERY INTERESTING.





PRINCE
ARNOLD AND
PRINCE KYLE
ARE GOING
TO THE
BALCONY?



I HAVE
TO TRY AND
MASK MY
PRESENCE.



GALKHEIN IS A
REMARKABLE
COUNTRY.

THIS LAND
IS SO PROS-
PEROUS...

ALL
THANKS TO
HIS MAJESTY
THE EMPEROR
AND YOU.



WHY DID YOU
COME ALL THE
WAY HERE, FRAIL
AS YOU ARE?



I DON'T NEED
PREAMBLES
NOR FLATTERY.

GET TO THE
POINT.



YOUR
LEADERSHIP
LIFTS UP THE
WEAK AND POOR
OF YOUR
COUNTRY.

I SINCERELY
ADMIRE YOUR
INCREDIBLE
ACHIEVE-
MENTS.



SO I CAME
TO SEE YOU
INSTEAD OF
YOUR FATHER.

I BELIEVED
YOU OF ALL
PEOPLE WOULD
UNDERSTAND
MY PERSPEC-
TIVE...



WE
DON'T
NEED
FINANCIAL
OR
MEDICAL
AID...

PLEASE,
HELP MY
COUNTRY.

...



BUT
WE DO
NEED...

MILITARY
AID.

.....
!

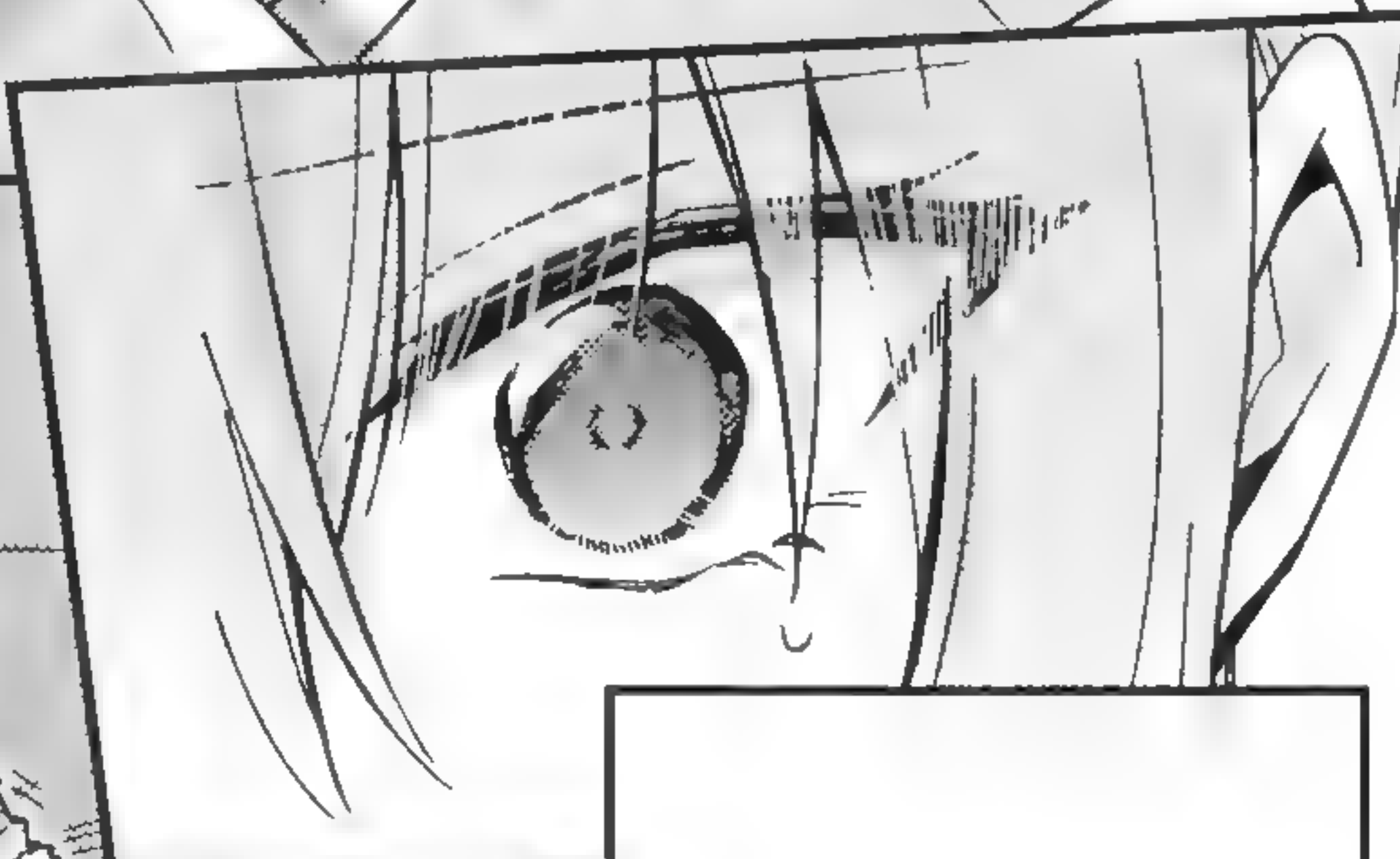
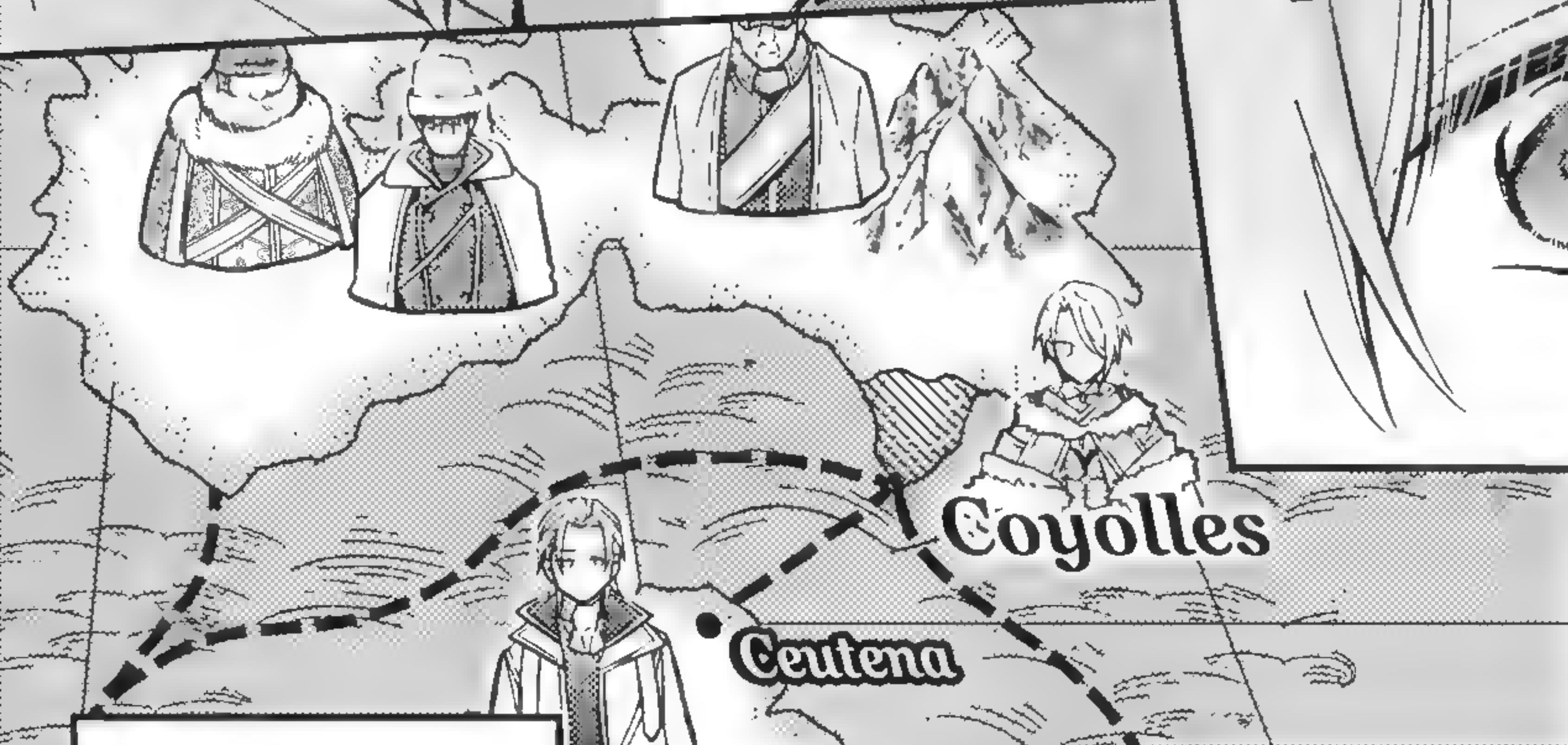


WE WERE
PRESSURED
TO DISARM BY
SURROUNDING
COUNTRIES...

AS
YOU MAY
ALREADY
KNOW,
COYOLLES'
ARMY IS
SMALL.

OUR
ROYAL FAMILY
HAS BEEN
CONTROLLED
AND THREAT-
ENED BY OTHER
NATIONS FOR
YEARS.

AND NOW
EXIST SOLELY
TO PROVIDE
THEM WITH
JEWELS.



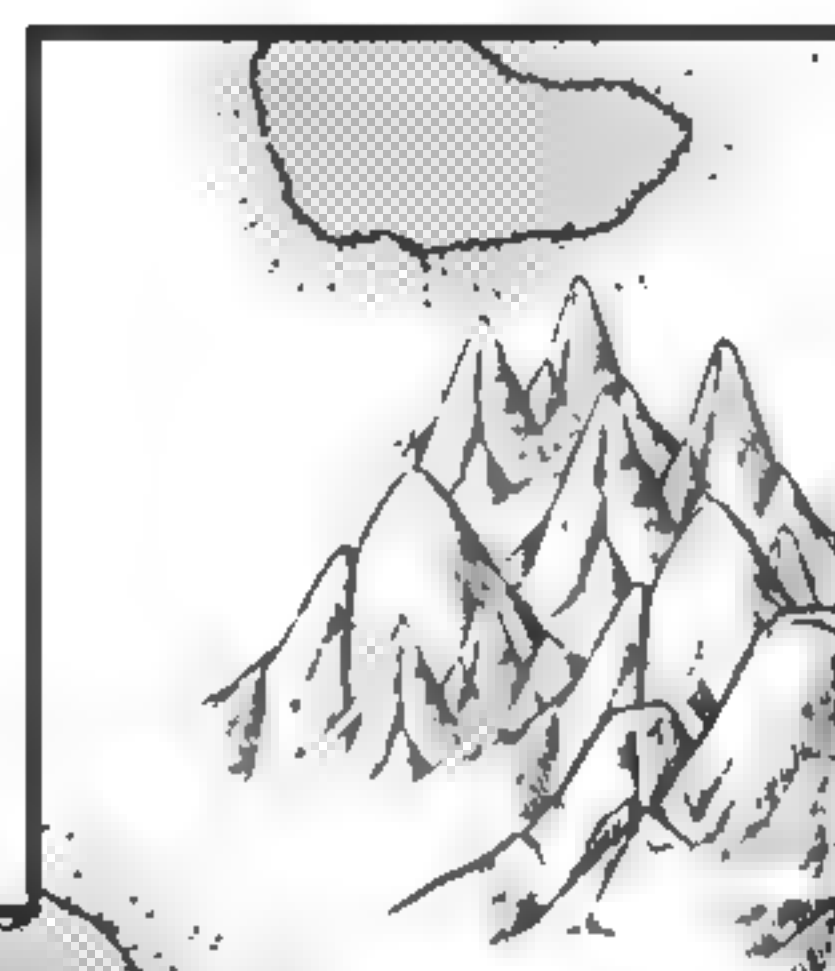
GALKHEIN'S
SEA ROUTES
ALL CONNECT
TO COYOLLES'
PORT.

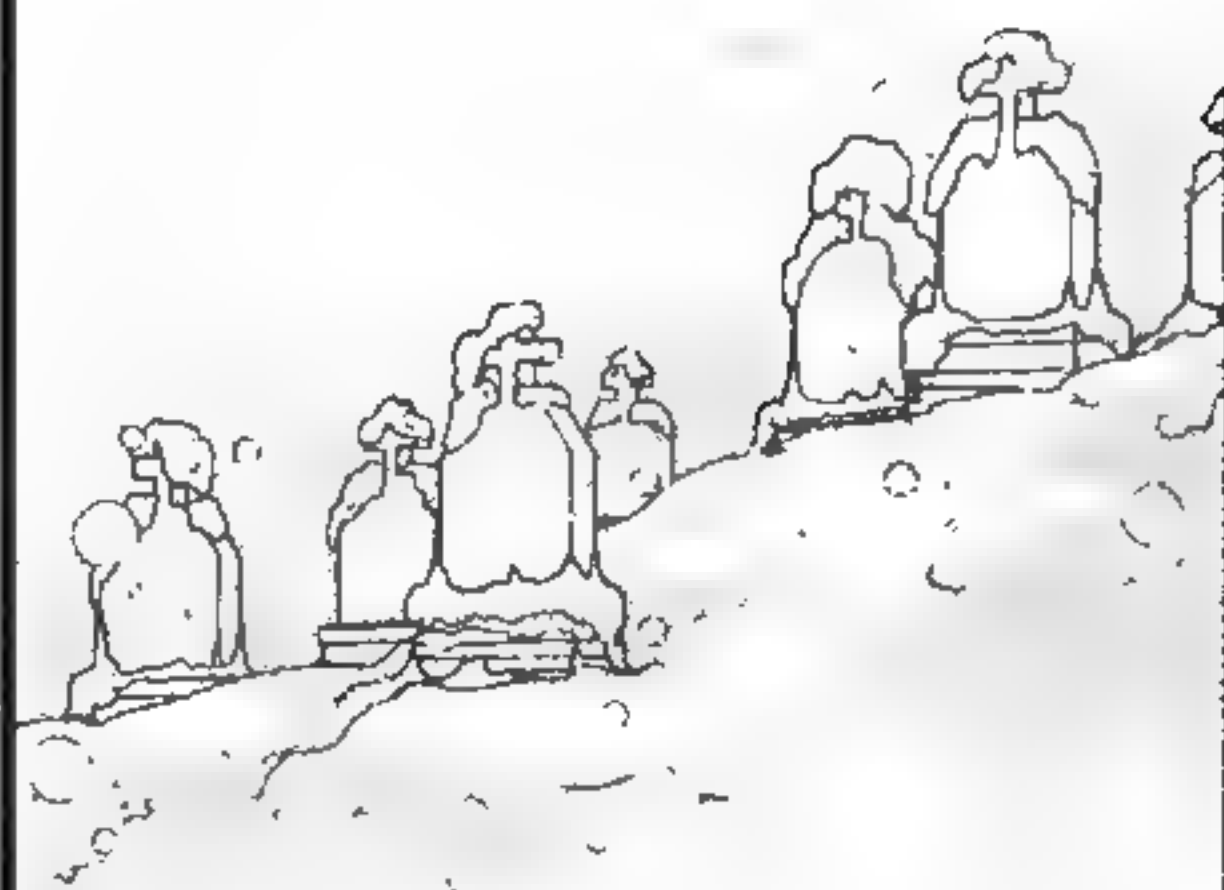
DURING
THE WAR I
SAW IN MY
PAST LIVES...



IF COYOLLES
IS TAKEN, THE
NORTHERN
COUNTRIES
WOULD SUFFER.

Galkhein





COYOLLES
GATHERED THEIR
FEW KNIGHTS
AND WENT TO
WAR, BUT...

MOST
OF THEIR
SOLDIERS
WERE SLAIN.

Young men
the same
age as me
were killed.

THE
SURROUNDING
COUNTRIES
THREATENED TO
INVADE COYOLLES
IF IT DIDN'T
COOPERATE
BEFORE GALKHEIN
EVEN HAD A
CHANCE TO DO
SO ITSELF.



I STILL HAVE
MEMORIES
FROM MY
LIFE AS AN
APOTHECARY.

Weitzner...

SQUEEZE

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I WANT
TO ESCAPE
THIS SITU-
ATION...

AND
ALLOW MY
COUNTRY TO
CHART ITS
OWN PATH.

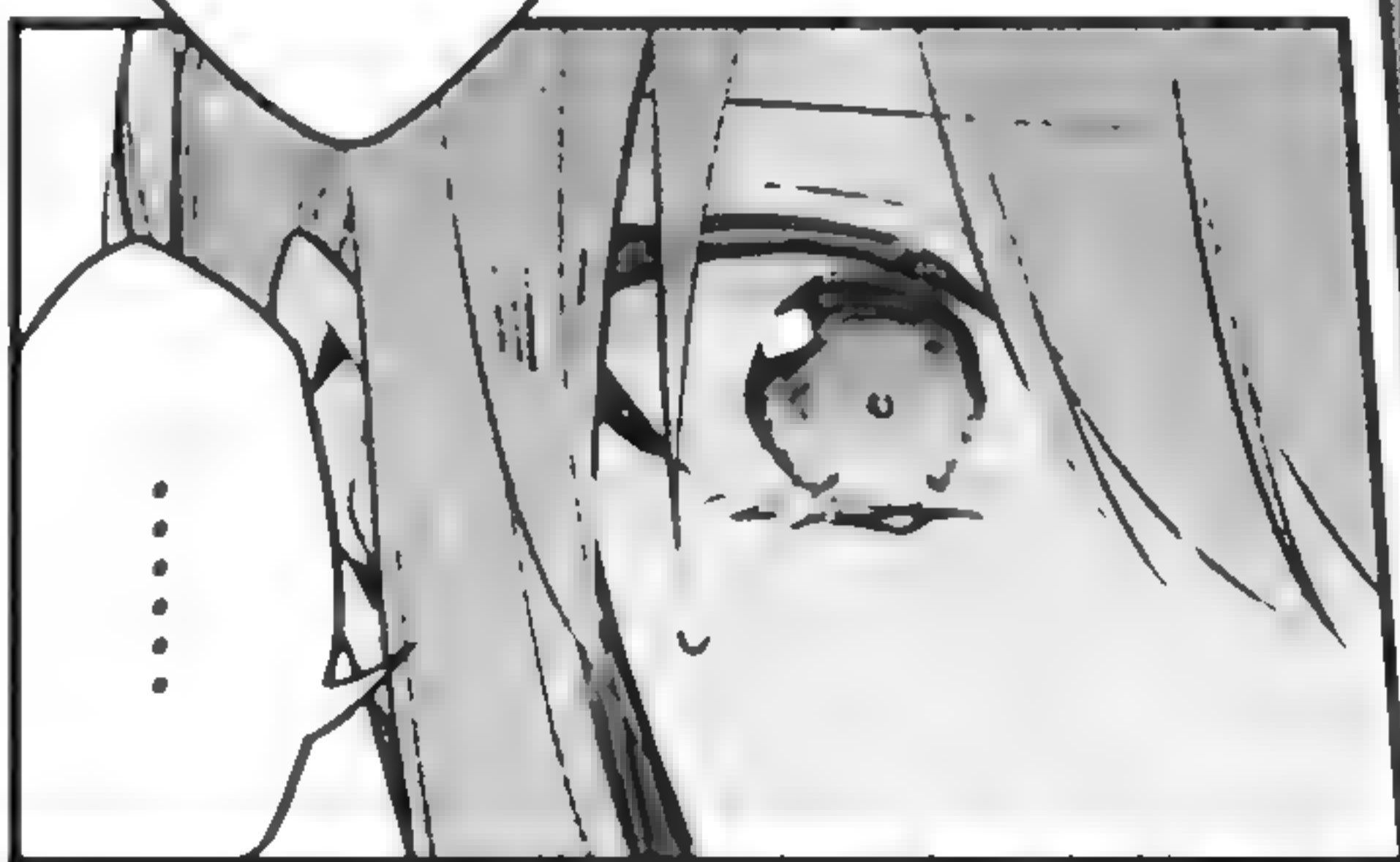
I WANT
TO DO
EVERYTHING
I CAN TO
PROTECT MY
PEOPLE.

I want
to protect
this
country!

PLEASE
HELP ME DO
THAT.



EXACTLY.

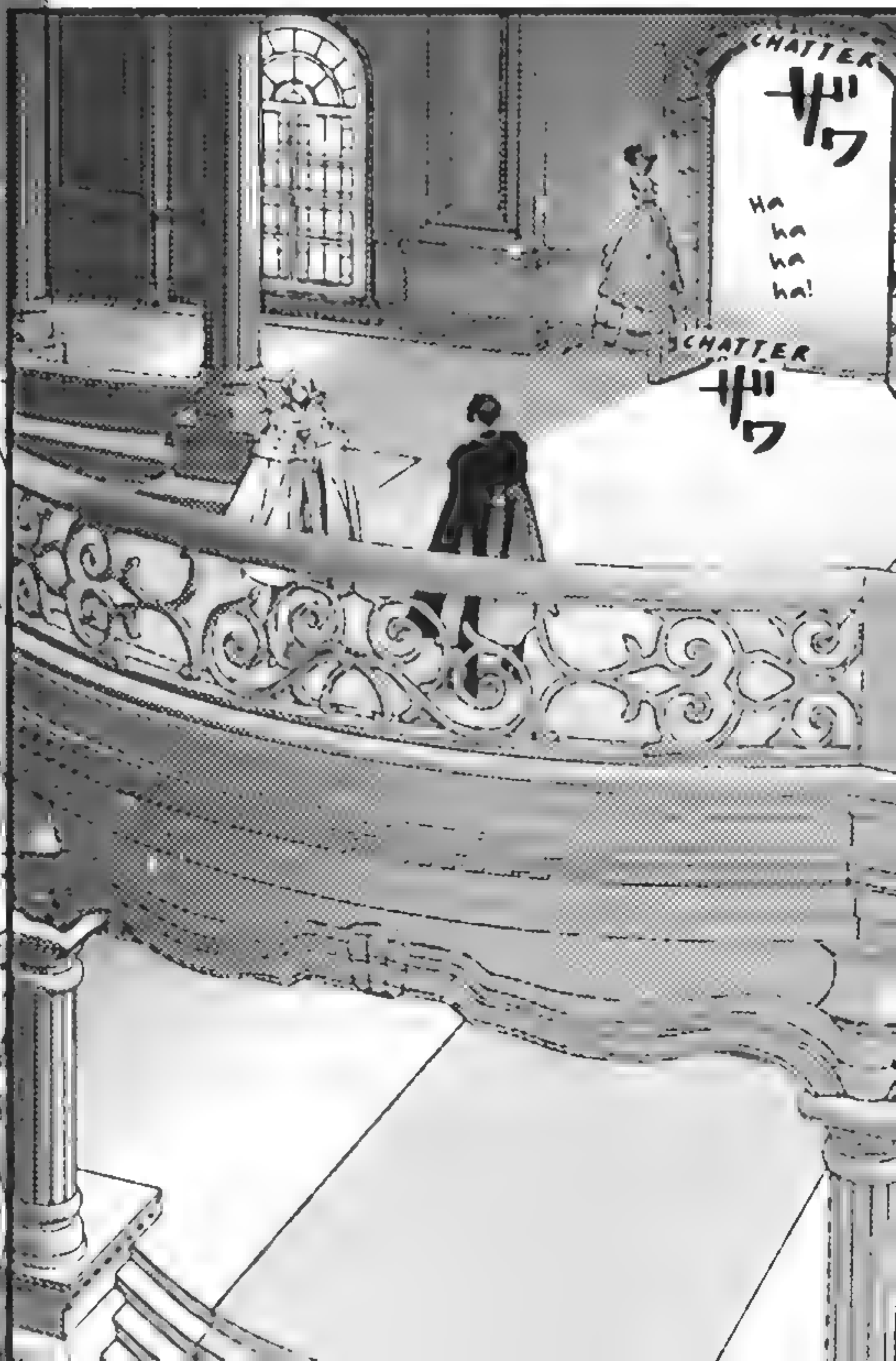


SO YOU
WANT TO
BREAK YOUR
ALLIANCE
WITH YOUR
NEIGHBORS...

AND
FORM ONE
WITH US?



I WAS
WONDERING
WHAT YOU
WERE GOING
TO SAY.



CHATTER

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ハ!

CHATTER

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I WONDER
IF A ROYAL
FAMILY
THAT TAKES
PEACE FOR
GRANTED...

EVEN
DESERVES
TO EXIST.

...



THE JEWELS
AND GOLD
THAT WE ARE
CURRENTLY
EXPORTING TO
OUR ALLIES.



IT'S ALREADY
NAIVE TO ASK
A COUNTRY
ACROSS THE
SEA TO LEND
STRENGTH
AGAINST
NEIGHBORING
NATIONS...

BUT DOES
COYOLLES EVEN
HAVE ANYTHING
TO OFFER IN
RETURN FOR
OUR MILITARY
SUPPORT?



NO,
PRINCE
KYLE.

SQUEEZE

DON'T
MAKE ME
LAUGH.



WE WILL
IGNORE
OUR
PROFITS...

AND
MAKE YOU
OUR PRIMARY
TRADING
PARTNER.



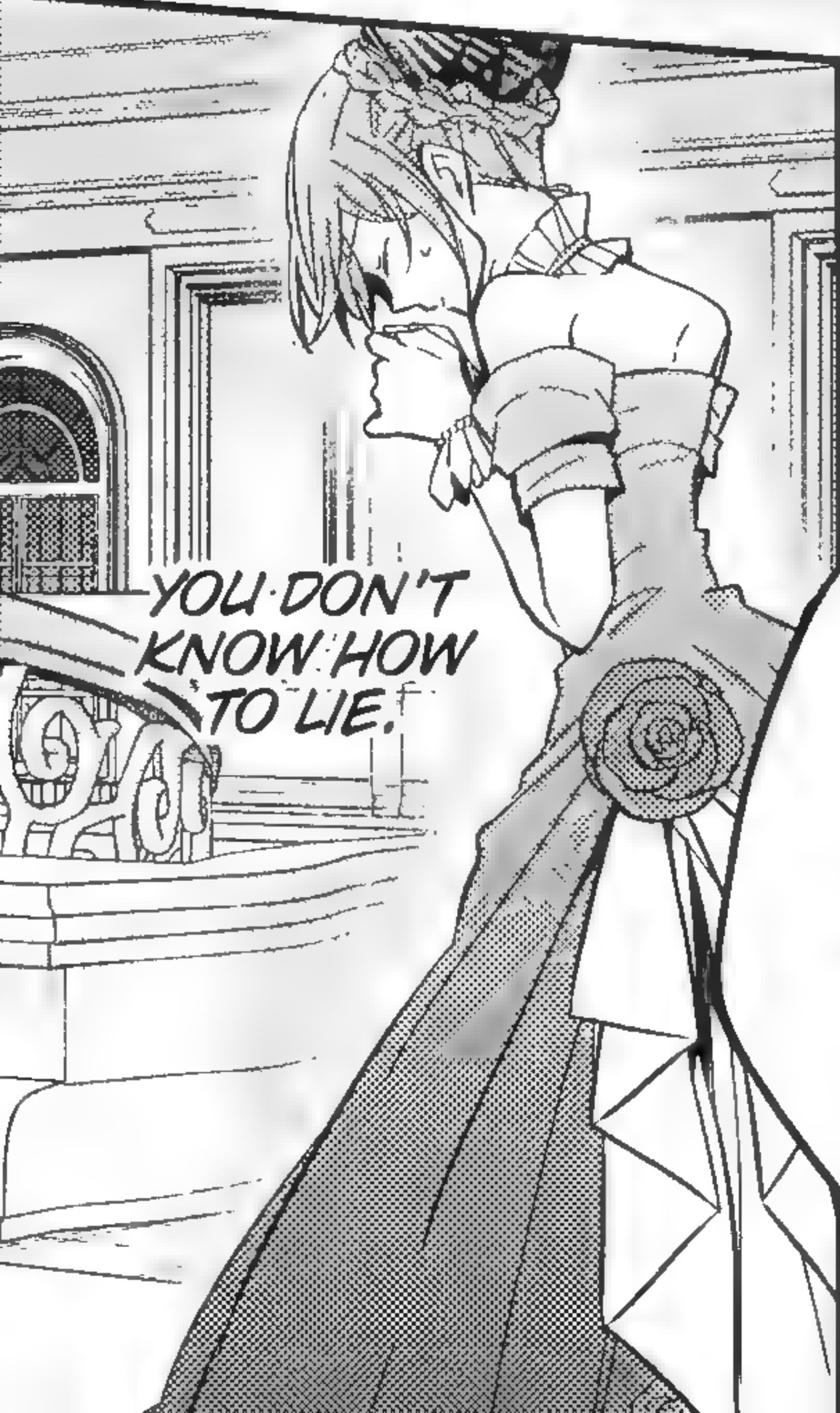
YOU WILL
SLOWLY
DESTROY
YOUR-
SELVES.

BY
PROMISING
TO SUPPLY
YOUR
BIGGEST
ECONOMIC
RESOURCE
INDEFINITE-
LY...

IF I WERE IN
YOUR SHOES, I
WOULD'VE ONLY
OFFERED THOSE
CONDITIONS FOR
A SET PERIOD
OF TIME.

THAT'S...

YOU ARE A
VERY EARNEST
PERSON,
BUT...



YOU DON'T
KNOW HOW
TO LIE.

THAT
THERE'S NO
NEED TO SET
A DATE.



YOU SEEM
TO HAVE
REALIZED
ALREADY...



BUT THIS WAS
KEPT SECRET
FROM ME.

I HAVE BEEN
INVOLVED WITH
PRINCE KYLE IN
MANY DIFFERENT
LIVES.
I THOUGHT WE
WERE CLOSE.

IT'S SO
OBVIOUS.

I...

HAD NO
IDEA.

IF COYOLLES
LOSES
THEIR ONLY
LEVERAGE IN
NEGOTIATIONS,
THEY WILL BE
RUINED.

THAT WAS
A FOOLISH
MOVE.

WHY DID YOU
COME TO THIS
COUNTRY
WITH SUCH A
WORTHLESS
PLAN?

GRIP
SU



I WON'T
LIVE MUCH
LONGER.



HAH...



A NEW
LIFE WILL
BE BORN
INTO OUR
ROYAL FAMILY
SOON...



AND I
HAVE TO DO
EVERYTHING
I CAN...

TO ENSURE
THE SAFETY
OF BOTH
THAT CHILD
AND THE
CITIZENS OF
COYOLLES.



DO
YOU WANT TO
KNOW HOW
I WIN WARS?



A KING SHOULD
WIN THE HEARTS
AND MINDS OF
THE PEOPLE.



WHAT DID
YOU JUST
SAY?



FWIP
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?



THERE ARE OTHER THINGS TOO, BUT...

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE BATTLEFIELD'S TERRAIN AND ADVANCE UNDER WEATHER CONDITIONS FAVORABLE TO YOUR ARMY.

SOLDIERS SHOULD BE EXPERIENCED AND DISCIPLINED, AND ALL ORDERS MUST BE STRICTLY FOLLOWED.

THE GENERAL OF YOUR ARMY SHOULD BE A MAN OF WISDOM AND LEADERSHIP.



THAT'S...

THERE IS NO TIME TO BATTLE OTHER COUNTRIES WHEN YOU ARE BUSY FERTILIZING THE LAND.

YOUR CITIZENS CAN'T STOP PREPARING FIREWOOD FOR THE WINTER JUST TO TRAIN.

EVEN IF YOU HAD ALL OF THIS KNOWLEDGE, YOUR COUNTRY WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO WIN A WAR.



IF YOU HAD
KEPT QUIET,
YOU COULD
HAVE DECEIVED
US FOR A FEW
MORE YEARS.

NOW THAT
YOU'VE
ASKED FOR
HELP, YOU'VE
EXPOSED
YOURSELVES.



I'LL
SAY THIS
BECAUSE YOU
SEEM TO HAVE
THE WRONG
IDEA...

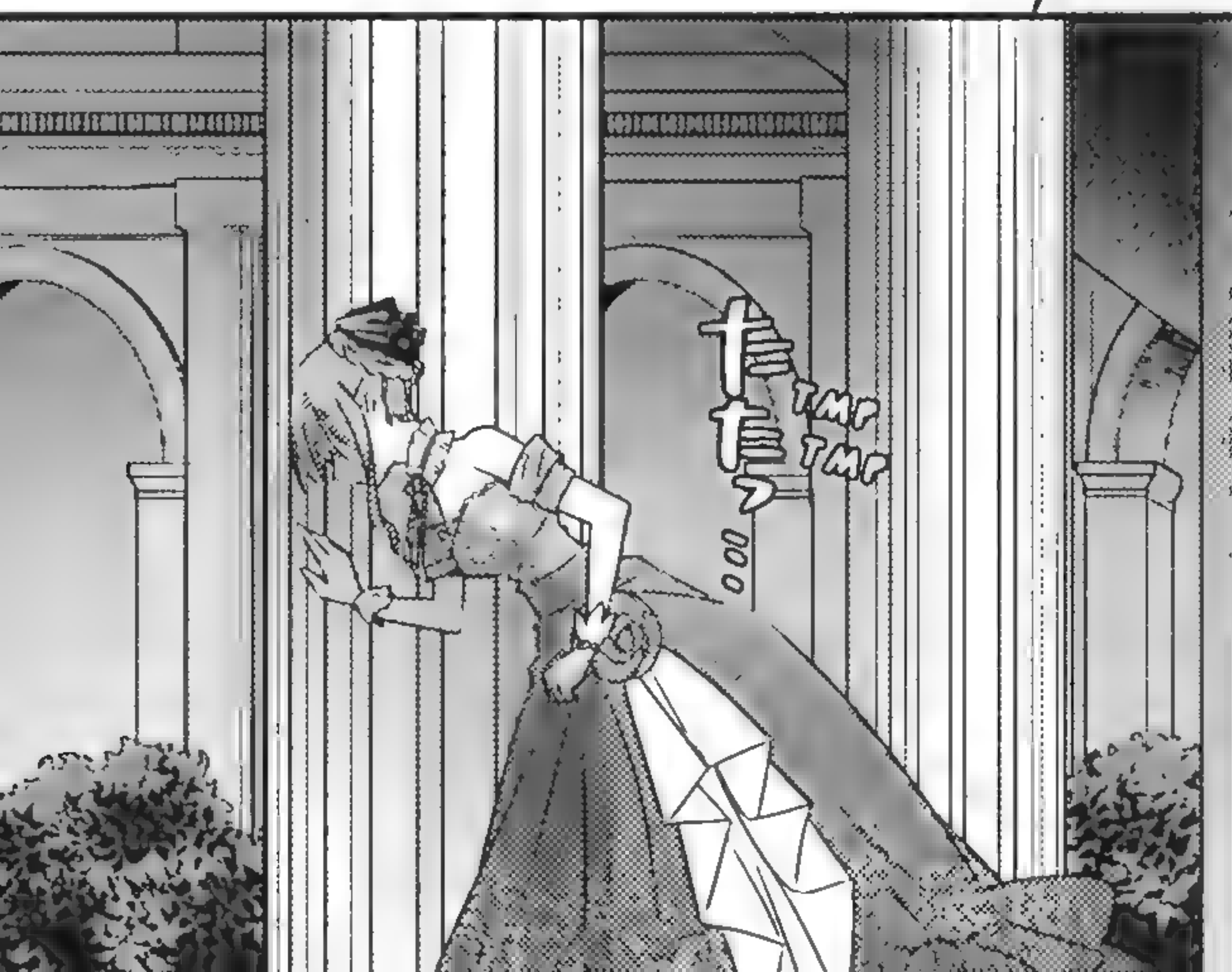
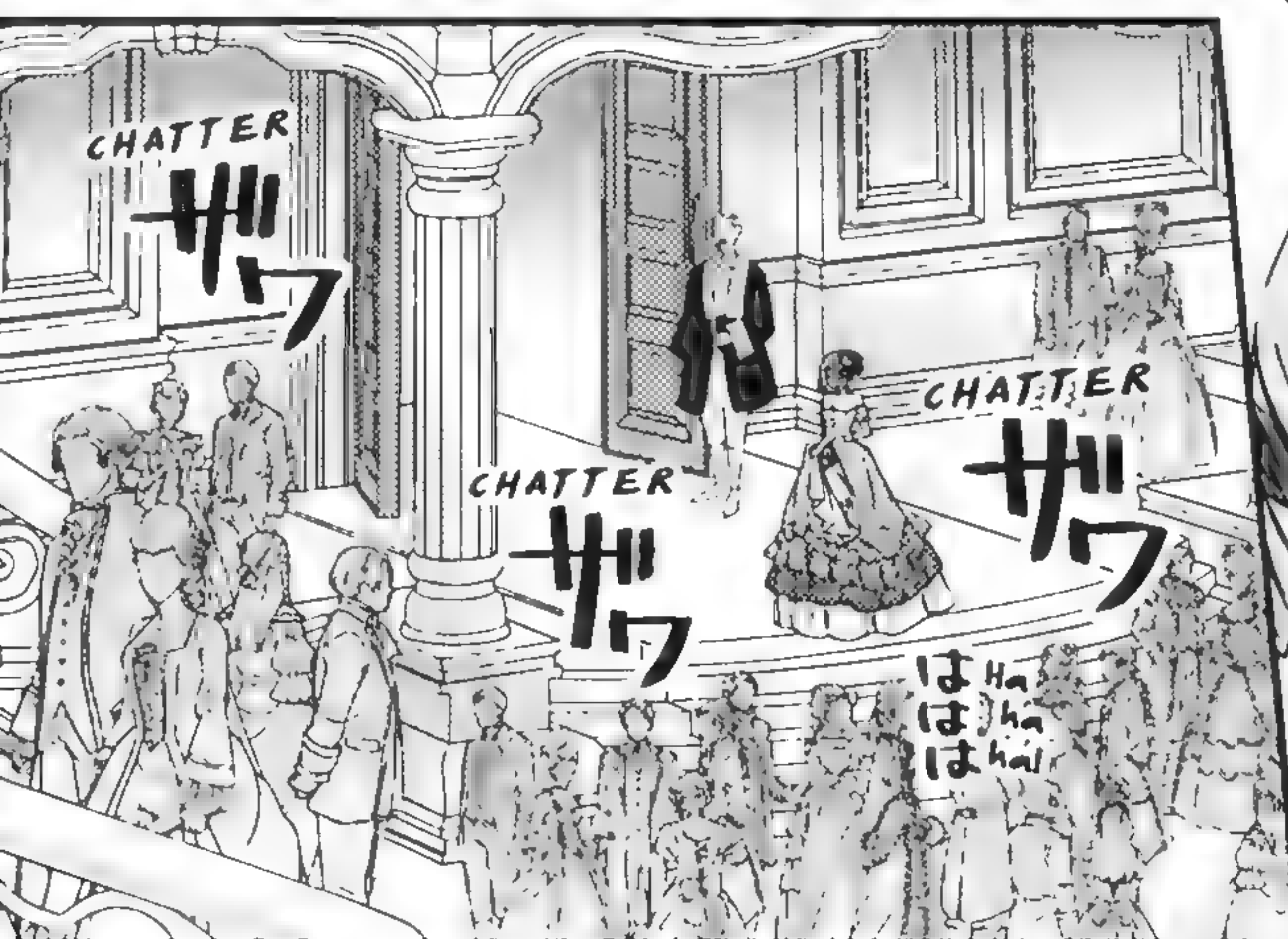
STEP
STEP
STEP



W...
WAIT,
PRINCE
ARNOLD!

STEP
STEP
STEP

W...
F...
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A...
P...
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P...
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P...



TO INVADE
AND
CONQUER.



I AM JUST
LIKE THE
EMPEROR.

IT'S IN MY
NATURE...



THIS IS
ANOTHER
TURNING
POINT.



IT WOULD
BE A MAJOR
TURNING POINT
THAT COULD
CHANGE THE
TRAGEDY
FIVE YEARS
FROM NOW.



IF COYOLLES
BECOMES
ONE OF
GALKHEIN'S
ALLIES...

AND IS NO
LONGER
THREATENED
BY THEIR
NEIGHBORS...



SINCE I CAN'T
SPEAK TO THE
EMPEROR OF
GALKHEIN...

THE ONLY
THING I CAN
DO IS TRY
TO CHANGE
PRINCE
ARNOLD'S
MIND.



IF COYOLLES
STAYS IN
A WEAKER
POSITION, THE
ONLY THING
THAT WILL
CHANGE IS
WHO IS RULING
THE COUNTRY.

I NEED
COYOLLES
AND GALKHEIN
TO BE EQUAL
PARTNERS.



"IT'S IN MY
NATURE..."

"TO INVADE
AND
CONQUER."

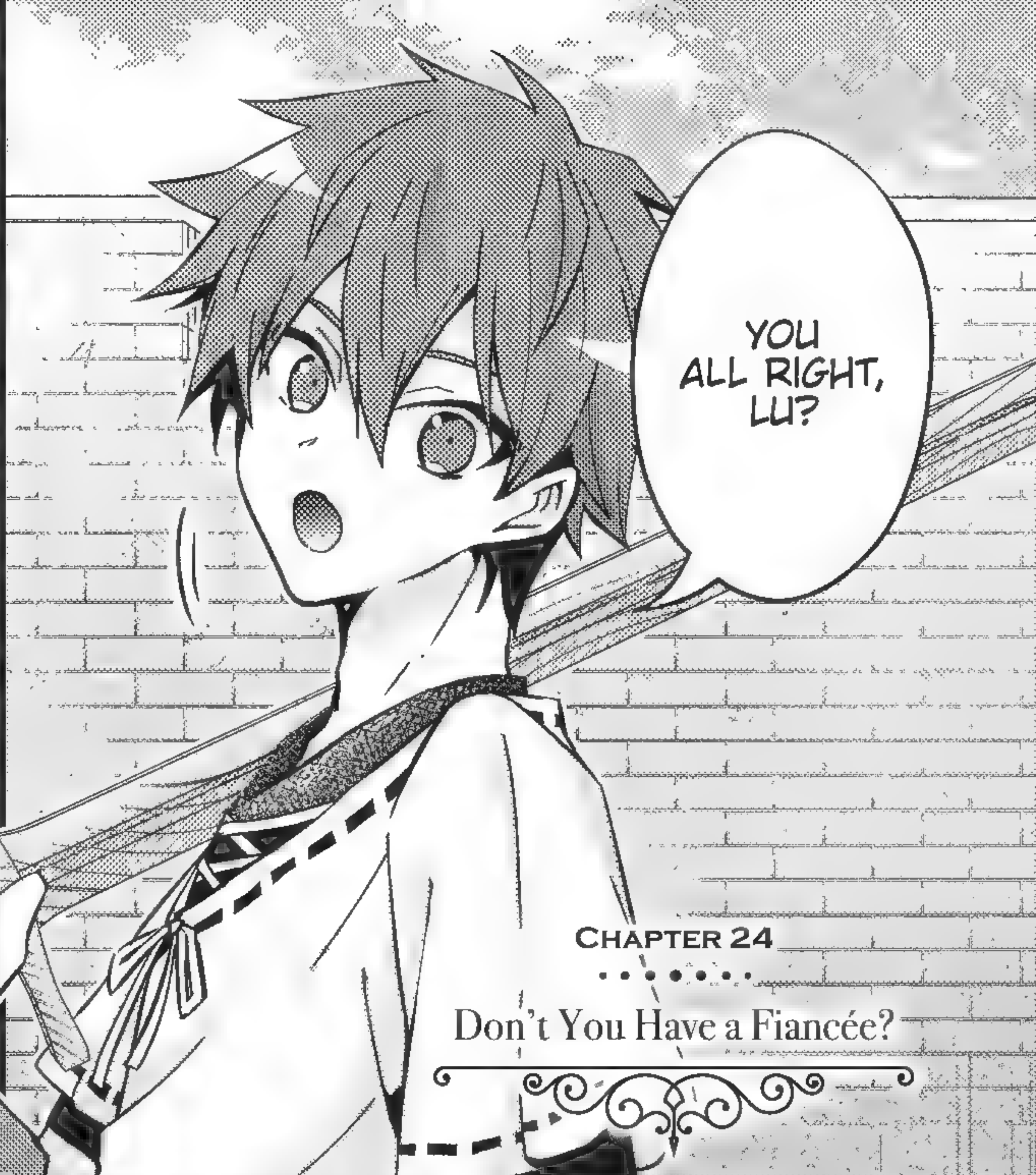


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GR
UP
?

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7th TIME LOOP

The Villainess Enjoys a Carefree Life
Married to Her Worst Enemy!







BUT...

I DIDN'T
HESITATE
TO PUT MY
LIFE ON
THE LINE...

I USED
TO BE A
KNIGHT
TOO.

TO PROTECT
THE LORD I
RESPECTED.

ONCE
WE ALL
BECOME
KNIGHTS...

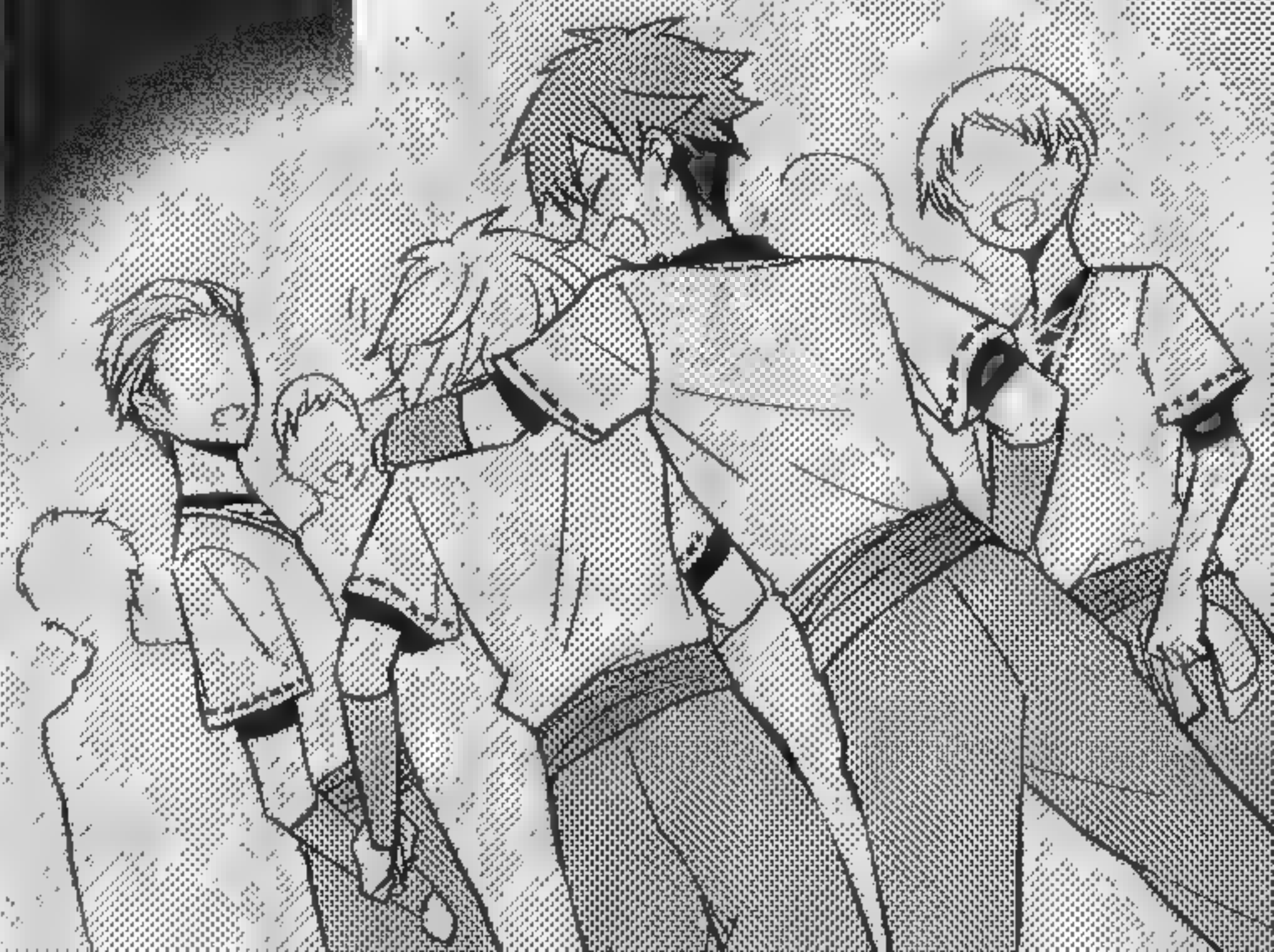


WHEN I
THINK ABOUT
THAT, I GET
SCARED.

I DON'T WANT
TO WATCH MY
COMRADES
GET KILLED.

THE FUTURE
THAT AWAITS
US IS FULL OF
DANGER.

THERE'S
SOMETHING
I'VE BEEN
THINKING
ABOUT FOR
A WHILE...





I WANT TO
PRAISE HIM FOR
FIGHTING TILL
THE END WITH
HONOR, BUT...

AT
THE SAME
TIME...



MY SON
LOST HIS
LIFE IN THE
LAST WAR.



SO
THAT'S
WHY...

LORD
LAWVINE...



HEH?

I DEEPLY
WISH THAT
HE'D
SURVIVED.



I
WANT THEIR
FUTURES TO
BE FULL OF
HOPE.

HE ALWAYS
WATCHES OVER
THE CADETS
WITH SUCH
CARE...

I WANT
THE YOUNG
TO THRIVE.

THE ONLY
WAY TO
OVERCOME
YOUR
FEAR IS TO
FACE IT.



MY TRUE
DESIRES...

WE HAVE AN
OBSERVER
TODAY.



YOU NEED
TO DETER-
MINE...

YOUR TRUE
DESIRES AND
ABILITIES.



THE CROWN
PRINCE OF
THIS
COUNTRY...

PRINCE
ARNOLD HEIN.

DRIP
DRIP
DRIP
DRIP

3003-3004
1-5-6-7-8-9



HE SHOULD
BE BUSY,
SO WHY?!

STARE

ALL I
WANTED WAS
TO JOIN THE
TRAINING FOR
TEN DAYS!

WHY IS
THE CROWN
PRINCE AT
CADET
TRAINING?!

IS HE
LOOK-
ING
AT
ME?



HUH...?!

YES,
YOUR
HIGH-
NESS.

LAWVINE,
BEGIN THE
TRAINING.



MAYBE
HE'LL LET
IT SLIDE.

LU! IT'S
ACTUALLY
HIM!

LET'S
START
WITH
WARM-
UPS.

YES,
SIR!

DID HE NOT
NOTICE ME?!

THERE'S
NO WAY.

Y-
YEAH!

TMP

TMP

YOUR HIGHNESS THE CROWN PRINCE, YOU DO ME GREAT HONOR BY SPEAKING PERSONALLY TO A LOWLY TRAINEE SUCH AS MYSELF.

WELL?

OH...?

WHO AM I KIDDING? OF COURSE HE WOULDN'T.

After training,
behind the training
grounds.

I SEE.

SLIDE
WIDE







AH...

LUCIUS,
WHERE
ARE...?



FRITZ! THIS
ISN'T WHAT IT
LOOKS LIKE!

WAIT,
LU?!

PRINCE
ARNOLD...

I MEAN,
YOUR
HIGH-
NESS THE
CROWN
PRINCE!!



IS
THAT A
PROB-
LEM?

OF
COURSE
IT IS!
IF THIS
TURNS
INTO
SOME
RUMOR...

HE
SAW!



ダッシュ DASH

FRITZ
ENDURANCE
★★★★★
STRENGTH
★★★★★

WHAT?!

WAIT...

P-
PARDON
ME!!





URK...

I UNDER-
STAND THAT,
BUT...

THIS
TRAINING IS
DESIGNED
FOR THE
STRENGTH
AND ENDUR-
ANCE OF A
MAN.

YOU COULD
HAVE HIRED
A PERSONAL
TRAINER.

I ALSO
WANTED
TO EXPERI-
ENCE THE
TRAINING
PROGRAM
YOU CRE-
ATED...

FROM JUST
THAT SINGLE
DUEL WITH HIM.

I FEEL LIKE
I LEARNED
SO MUCH...



YOU AREN'T
HURT OR
OVERWORKED?

NO.



THAT'S
NOT A
GOOD
EXPLA-
NATION.

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SIGH...

PRINCE
ARNOLD?



I CAN
CONTINUE?



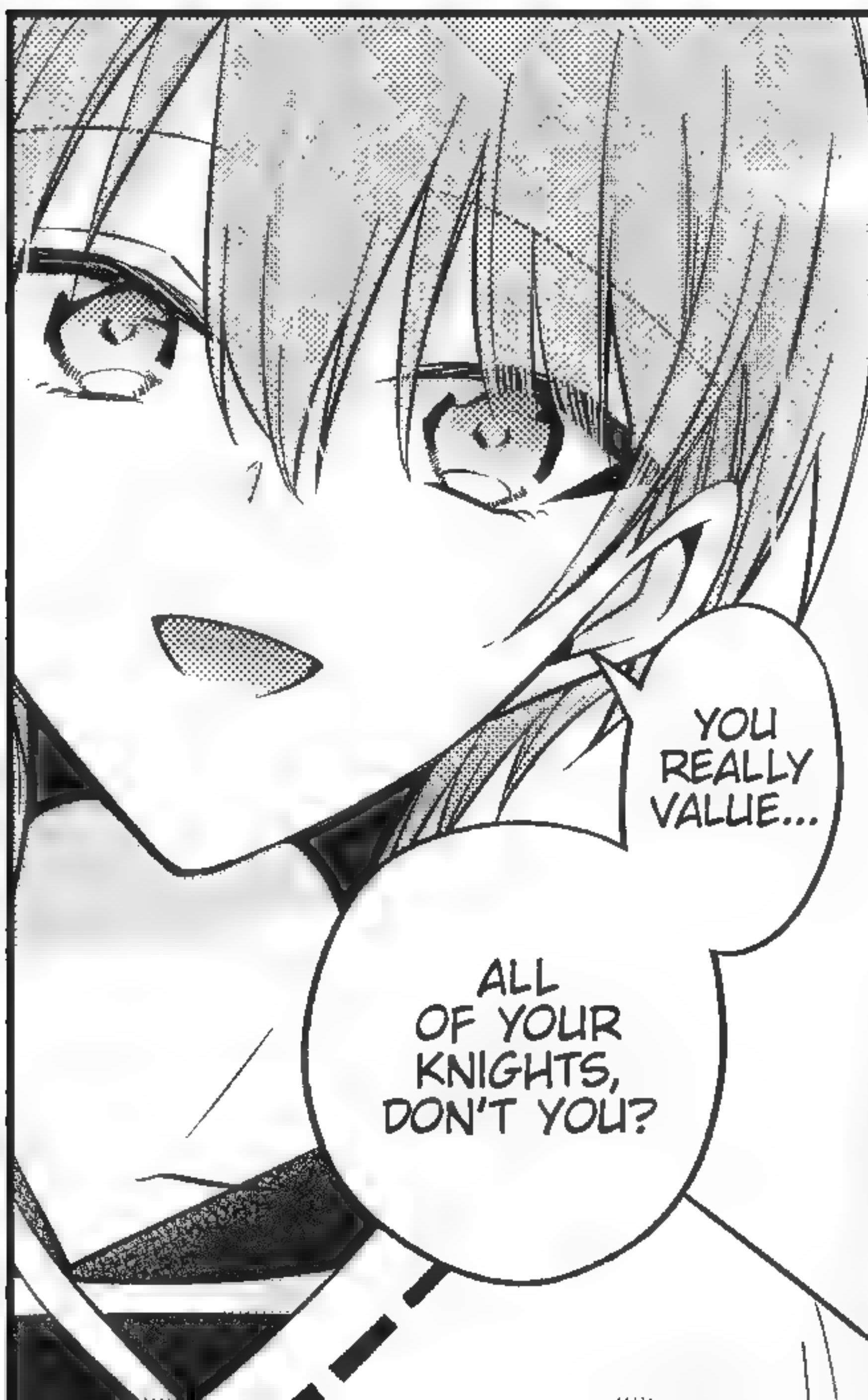
MAKE
SURE YOUR
GENDER ISN'T
REVEALED.

GO TO BED
AN HOUR
EARLIER.



WILL
YOU DO
WHAT I
ASKED?

YES!
THANK YOU
SO MUCH!



YOU
REALLY
VALUE...

ALL
OF YOUR
KNIGHTS,
DON'T YOU?



WHAT DO
YOU THINK
OF THE
KNIGHTS?

THEY'RE
INCREDIBLE!
EVERYONE
IS SO
TALENTED...

AND
NOT ONLY IS
LORD LAWVINE'S
COACHING
PRECISE, BUT
HE ALSO GIVES
EVERY ONE OF
US HIS UNDIVID-
ED ATTENTION.

I SEE.



YOU WILL
EXECUTE LORD
LAWVINE...

BUT A FEW
YEARS FROM
NOW...

THESE
PEOPLE
ARE THE
COUNTRY'S
GREATEST
ASSET.

IT IS
SIMPLY THE
RESPECT
THEY ARE
DUE.

AND DRAG
THESE KNIGHTS
INTO A WAR OF
AGGRESSION!

ABOUT
PRINCE
KYLE'S
OBJECTIVE...

EVANNI



YOU'RE NOT
TALKING
ABOUT JEWEL
PRODUCTION,
ARE YOU?

HOW MUCH
TIME DOES
COYOLLES
HAVE?



I KNEW
YOU WERE
NEARBY
LAST
NIGHT.

HEH!



I'D LIKE
TO KNOW
ABOUT YOUR
FATHER...

THE
EMPEROR
OF GALKHEIN'S
ATTITUDE
TOWARD
COYOLLES.





HE HAS RULED
THROUGH
AGGRESSIVE
EXPANSION
AND
DOMINATION.

A FATHER WHO
REQUIRED HIS
SON TO WED
A VALUABLE
HOSTAGE...

It was a
requirement
that my bride
be royalty
from another
country.

I
DON'T KNOW
ANYTHING
ABOUT THE
CURRENT
EMPEROR.



MEANING
IT WOULD
BE TOO
LATE IF THE
EMPEROR
FOUND OUT.

EVEN
IF THAT
COUNTRY
HAS NO
VALUE, WE
NEED TO
CONTROL
THE SEA
ROUTES.



GASP!



I'M SURE YOUR
FATHER WAS
CURIOUS ABOUT
WHAT PRINCE
KYLE WANTED.

HE WOULD
CERTAINLY
MAKE A MOVE
IF HE KNEW
THE TRUE
SITUATION IN
COYOLLES.

I DON'T KNOW
HOW MUCH MY
FATHER KNOWS,
BUT...



AS
OPPOSED TO
MY FATHER.

IT WOULD BE
MUCH BETTER
IF I INVADED
THEM...



YOU'RE TRYING
TO CONVINCE
ME TO MAKE AN
ALLIANCE WITH
COYOLLES.

WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN...?





IF MY FATHER
ACTS BEFORE
I DO, THINGS
WILL GET VERY
COMPLICATED.

IT WOULD
JUST BECOME A
MATTER OF WHO
WILL FINISH OFF
THAT DOOMED
COUNTRY FIRST.

PRINCE
AR-
NOLD.



IF
YOU WANT
TO SHOW
COYOLLES
SOME
MERCY...

I WOULD
LIKE IT IF YOU
HELPED ME
INVADE.

SOME-
TIMES...

YOU'RE
QUITE THE
LIAR.



IF IT WAS
IN YOUR
NATURE TO
INVADE...

IT'S BEEN A
MONTH AND
A HALF SINCE
I ARRIVED IN
GALKHEIN.

THE PRINCE
ARNOLD I'VE
SEEN...

Are you
hurt?

If I let
you go out
with that
stipulation,
it will
be more
effective.

If I tell
you that
you can't
go outside,
you'll just
sneak out
again.

This
is you
we're
talking
about.

You're
too kind
to me...

"YOU
SHOULD
PURSUE
YOUR
DREAMS
HERE."

We still
have
more
time.

If you're
that
enthusiastic,
I can't
ignore you.

I promise
that I will
fulfill all
of your
requests
to the
best of my
ability.

I
can only
accept your
proposal on
the condition
of several
selfish
requests,
okay?

HAS ALWAYS
RESPECTED
ME.

It's
our long-
awaited
duel!

I DON'T
UNDERSTAND
WHY YOU
PROPOSED
TO ME...

After the
ceremony, I
would like an
opportunity
to interact
with guests
from various
countries.

First,
you must
use my
designated
merchant
to supply
the
wedding
ceremony.

THEN YOU
WOULDN'T
HAVE MADE ANY
PROMISES TO A
NOBLEWOMAN
FROM A WEAKER
COUNTRY LIKE
ME. YOU WOULD
HAVE SIMPLY
MARRIED ME
BY FORCE.

"I PROMISE
TO SUPPORT
ALL OF YOUR
DREAMS."

Here.

I'll lend
this to you,
so hold on
to it.

BUT...

Under-
stood.

Don't
you dare
touch
me.

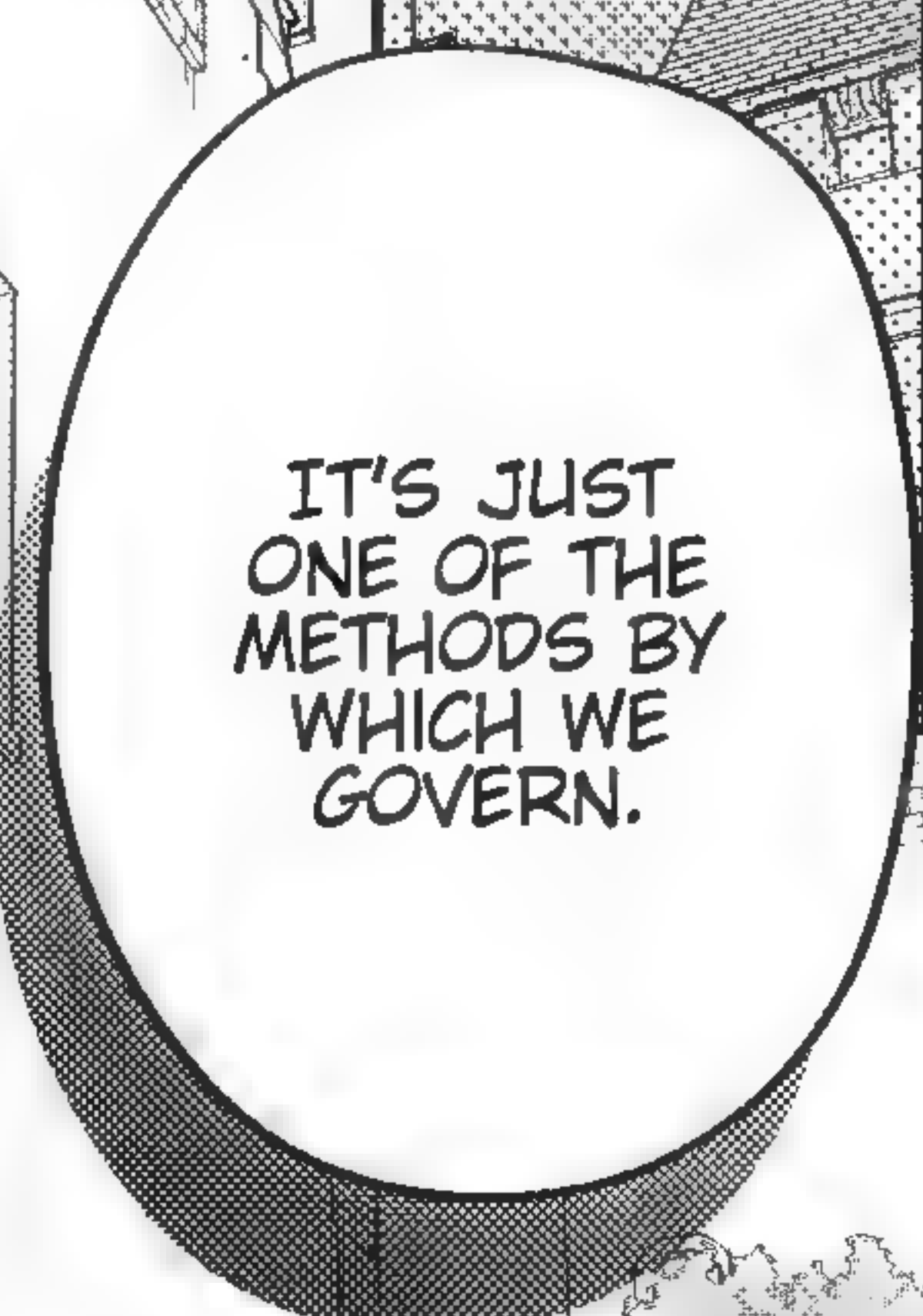
I...

I am just
like the
emperor...

WANT TO TELL
HIM THAT IT'S
NOT TRUE!

AND NOT
JUST WITH
WORDS.

I WANT HIM
TO KNOW IT.



IT'S JUST
ONE OF THE
METHODS BY
WHICH WE
GOVERN.



TO US,
WAR ISN'T
AN EVIL.

REMEM-
BER
THIS.



IT
DOESN'T
MATTER...

HOW YOU
CHOOSE
TO VIEW
ME, BUT...



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TRUDGE
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LI,
CAN WE
TALK...?

ABOUT
EARLIER...



AH!
FRITZ!





I KNEW IT.

FRITZ DID SAY THAT HE'D SEEN PRINCE ARNOLD WIELD HIS SWORD.



PRINCE ARNOLD IS THE REASON WHY I WANTED TO BECOME A KNIGHT.



THERE ARE OTHER THINGS I REMEMBER ABOUT THAT DAY TOO.

YEAH.

HE SAVED YOUR TOWN, RIGHT?



ON THE BATTLEFIELD, PRINCE ARNOLD CAN ALWAYS BE FOUND...

IT ALL REALLY HAPPENED.

FEELS LIKE A DREAM. BUT...

EVERYTHING THAT TOOK PLACE THAT DAY...



WHERE THE
DANGER IS
GREATEST.

PATHETIC,
ISN'T IT?



I'M
SCARED
TO FIGHT.

THAT I'M
TRYING TO
BECOME
A KNIGHT.
BUT...

I SAW THE
PERSON I
ADMIRE, AND IT
REMINDED ME...



BUT I'M
TRYING TO
BECOME A
KNIGHT!



IT'S OKAY
THAT YOU'RE
SCARED.



I WASN'T
AFRAID OF
DYING, SO
I DIED.

YOU'LL
BECOME
STRONGER.



YOU WENT
THROUGH
SOMETHING
TERRIFYING.

BUT EVEN
SO, YOU
HAVE A DREAM
AND YOU'RE
WORKING
TOWARDS IT.



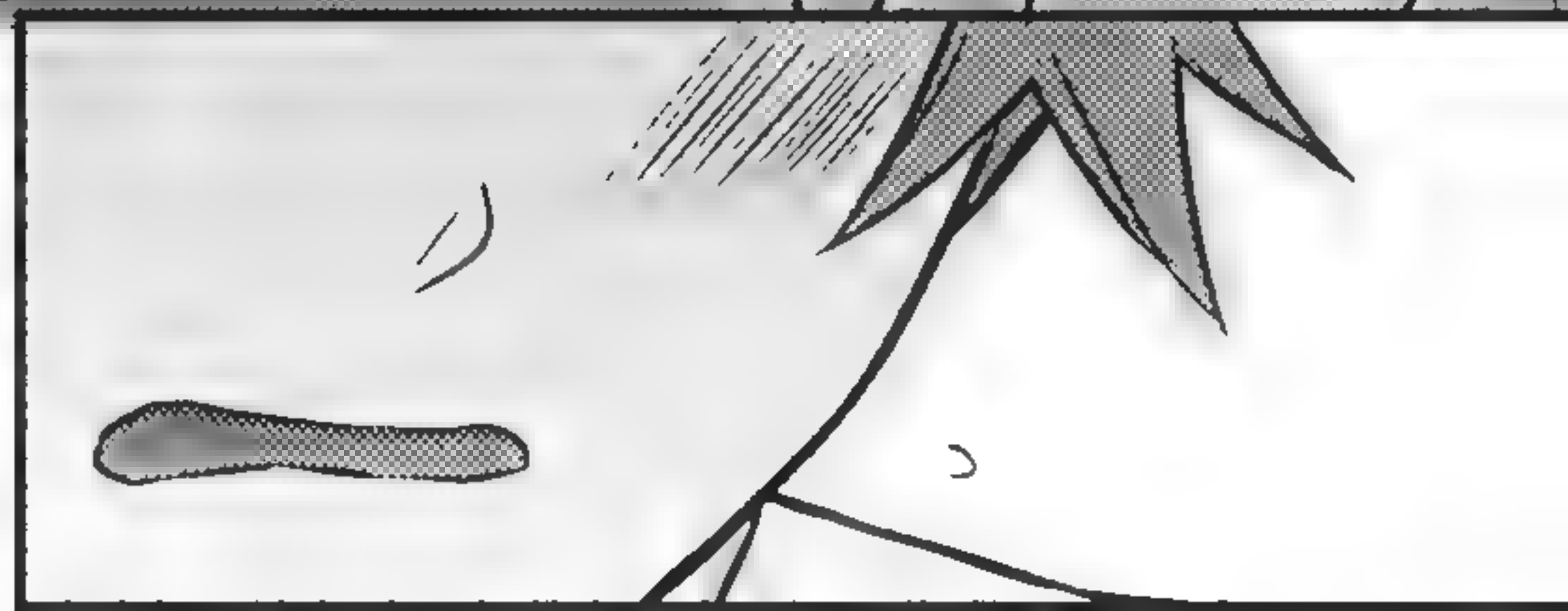
WILL MAKE
YOU A BETTER
KNIGHT.

KNOWING
THE TERROR
OF BATTLE...



LET'S
BECOME
KNIGHTS
TOGETHER!

SMILE



HEH
HEH!

SLAP

MAN, I FEEL
BETTER NOW!
THANKS, LU!

RISE



IN THIS
LIFE, I WILL
BE AMONG
THE PEOPLE
SENDING
MEN INTO
BATTLE.

I'M
SORRY
FOR LYING
TO YOU,
FRITZ.



SMILE
LITTL
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I HAVE
TO DO
EVERYTHING
I CAN...



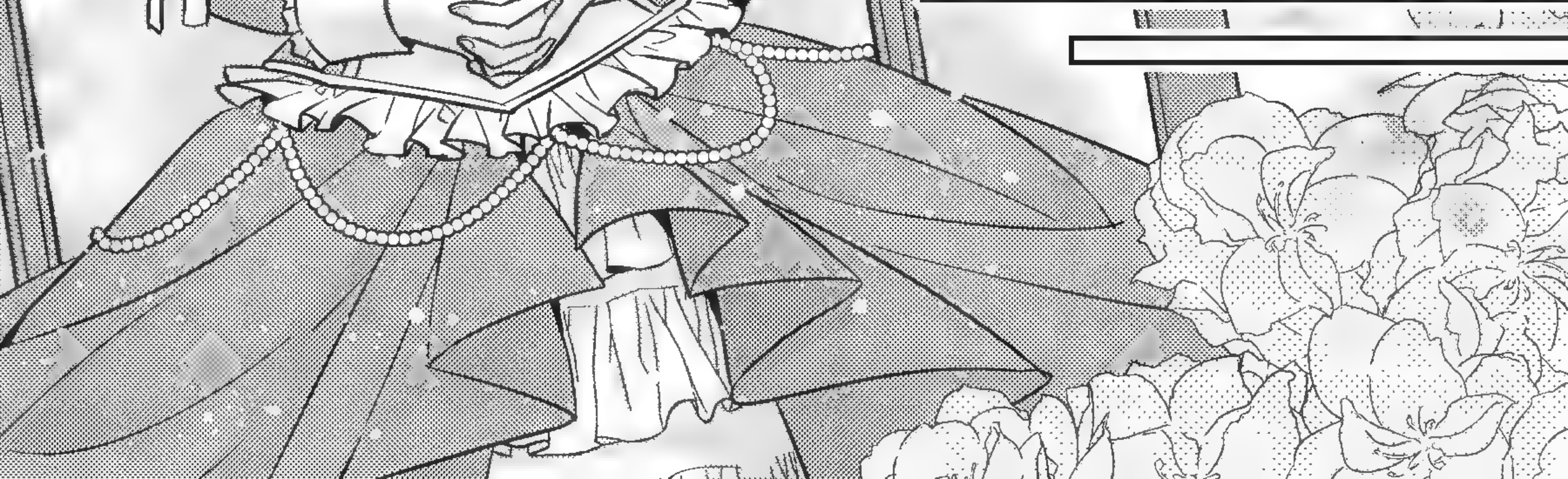
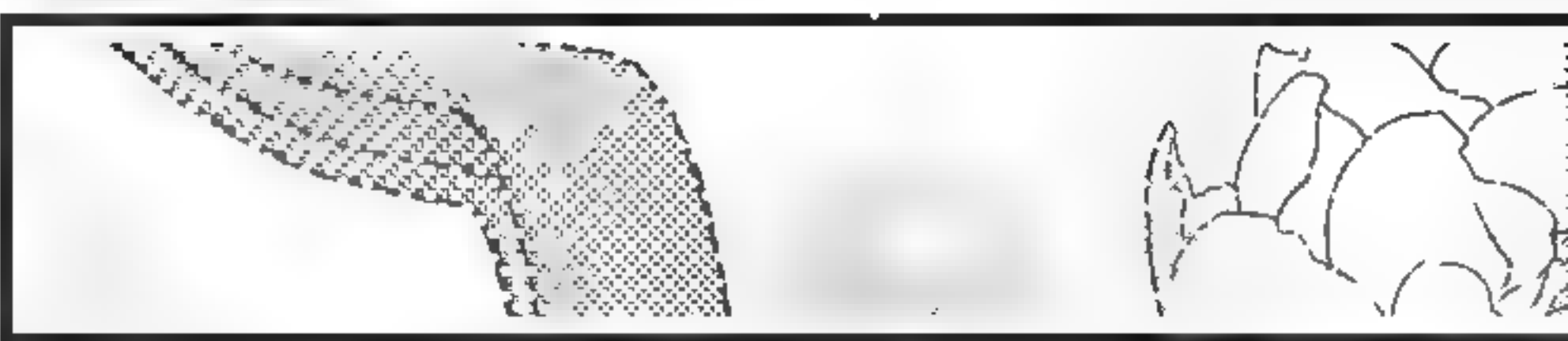
THAT'S
WHY...



I NEED TO FIND
OUT WHAT MY
TRUE DESIRES
AND ABILITIES
ARE.

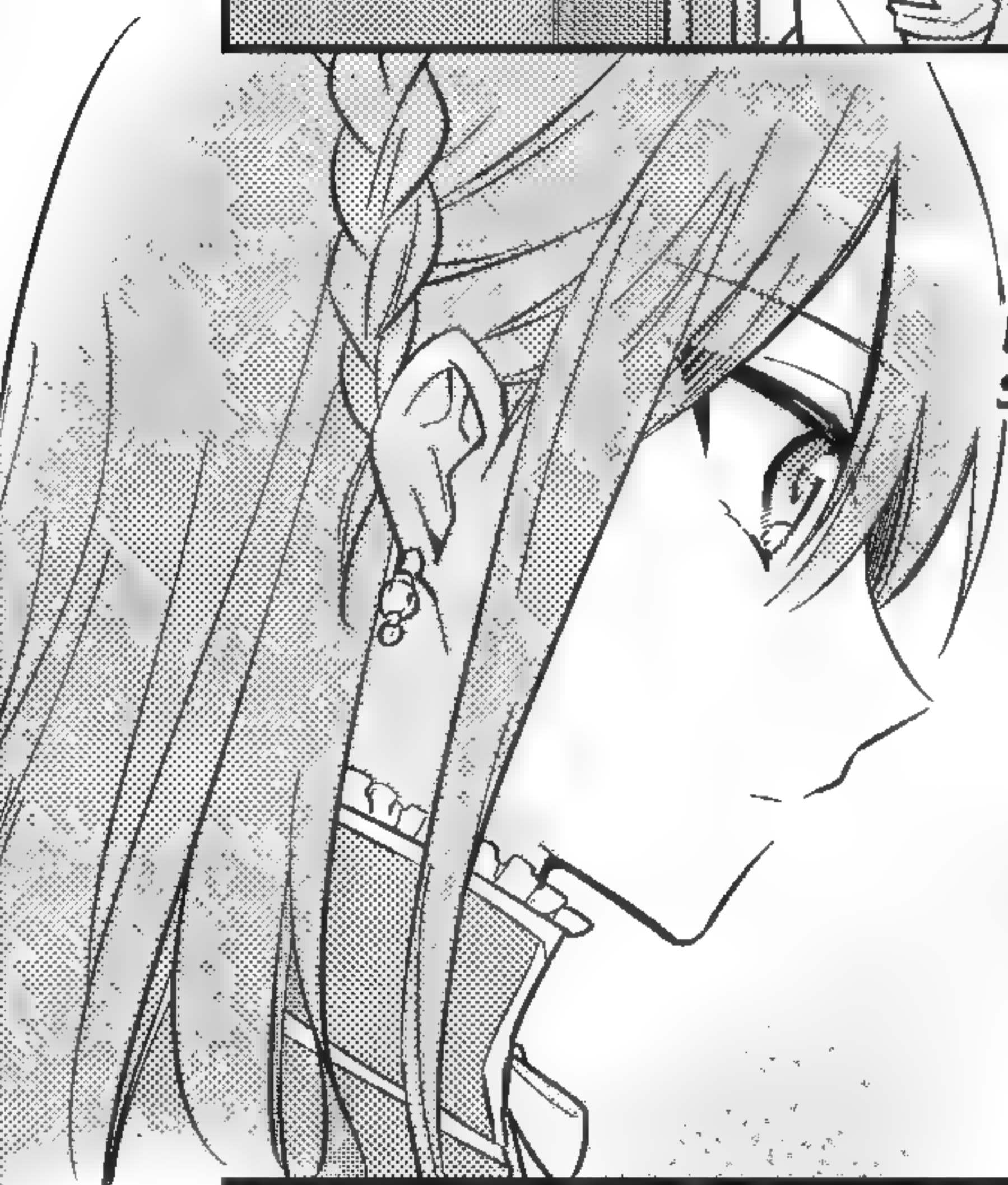


TO
PROTECT
THEM
FROM THE
WAR...

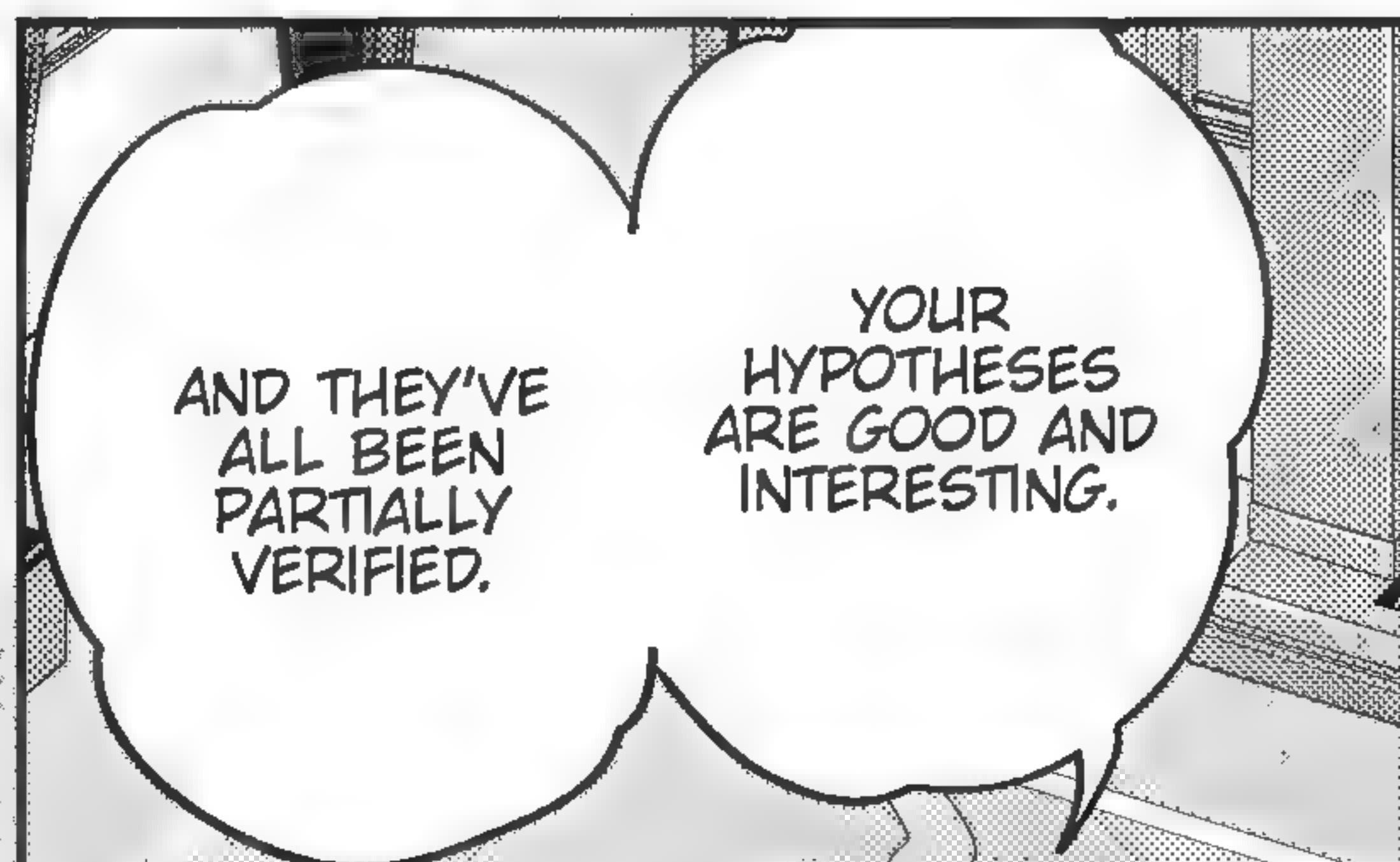




I LOOKED
THROUGH
YOUR
RESEARCH
PROPOSAL.



WHAT IF I USE
SIR MICHEL AS
AN EXAMPLE
OF COYOLLES'
STRENGTHS?



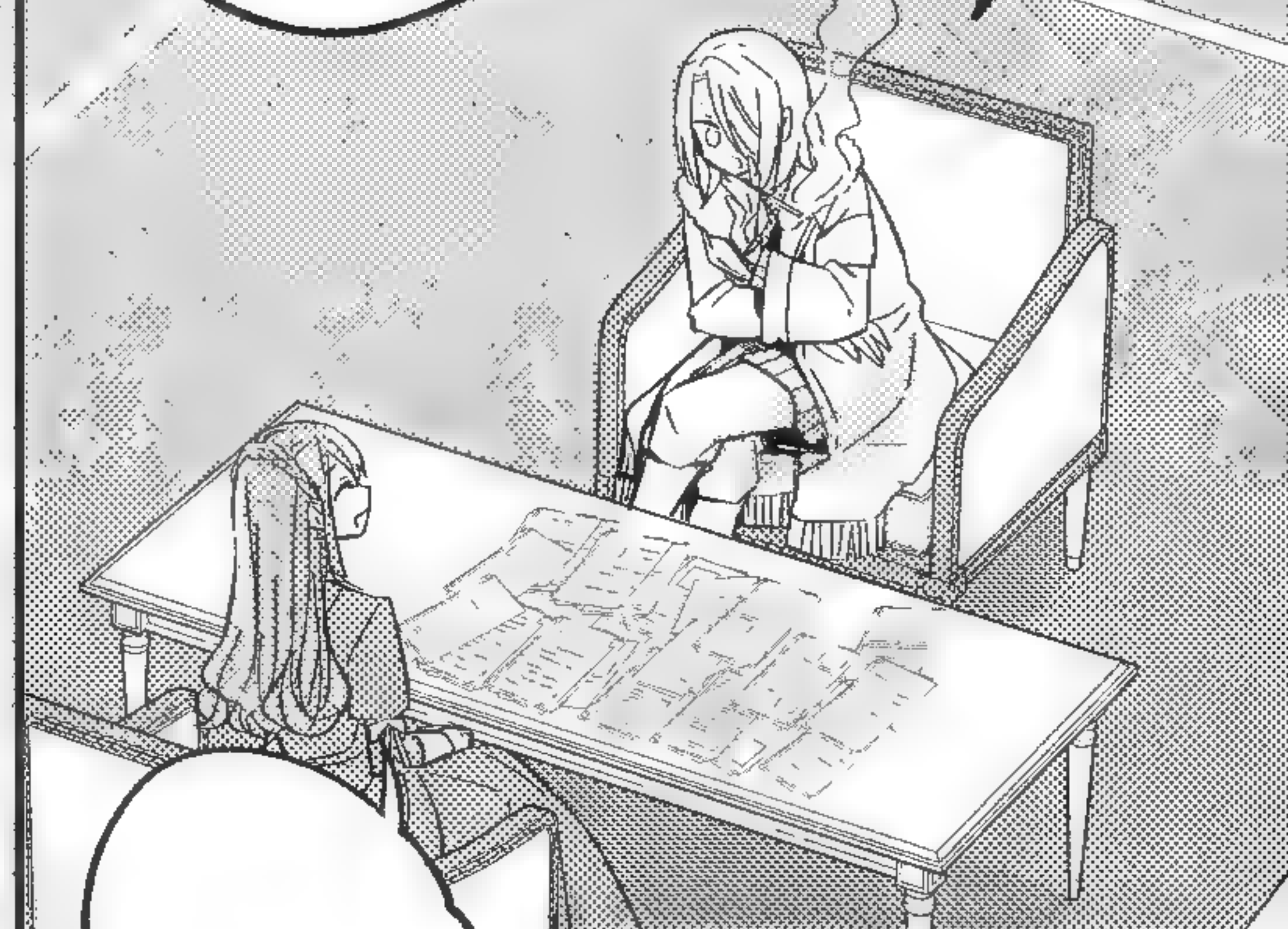
AND THEY'VE
ALL BEEN
PARTIALLY
VERIFIED.

YOUR
HYPOTHESES
ARE GOOD AND
INTERESTING.



NO, THEN
THE ANSWER
WOULD BE TO
BRING HIM TO
GALKHEIN.

I'M
INTERESTED
IN THE
RESULTS
TOO.



THANK
YOU.

A room in
Galkhein's royal
castle.







YOU COULD
COME WITH
ME.



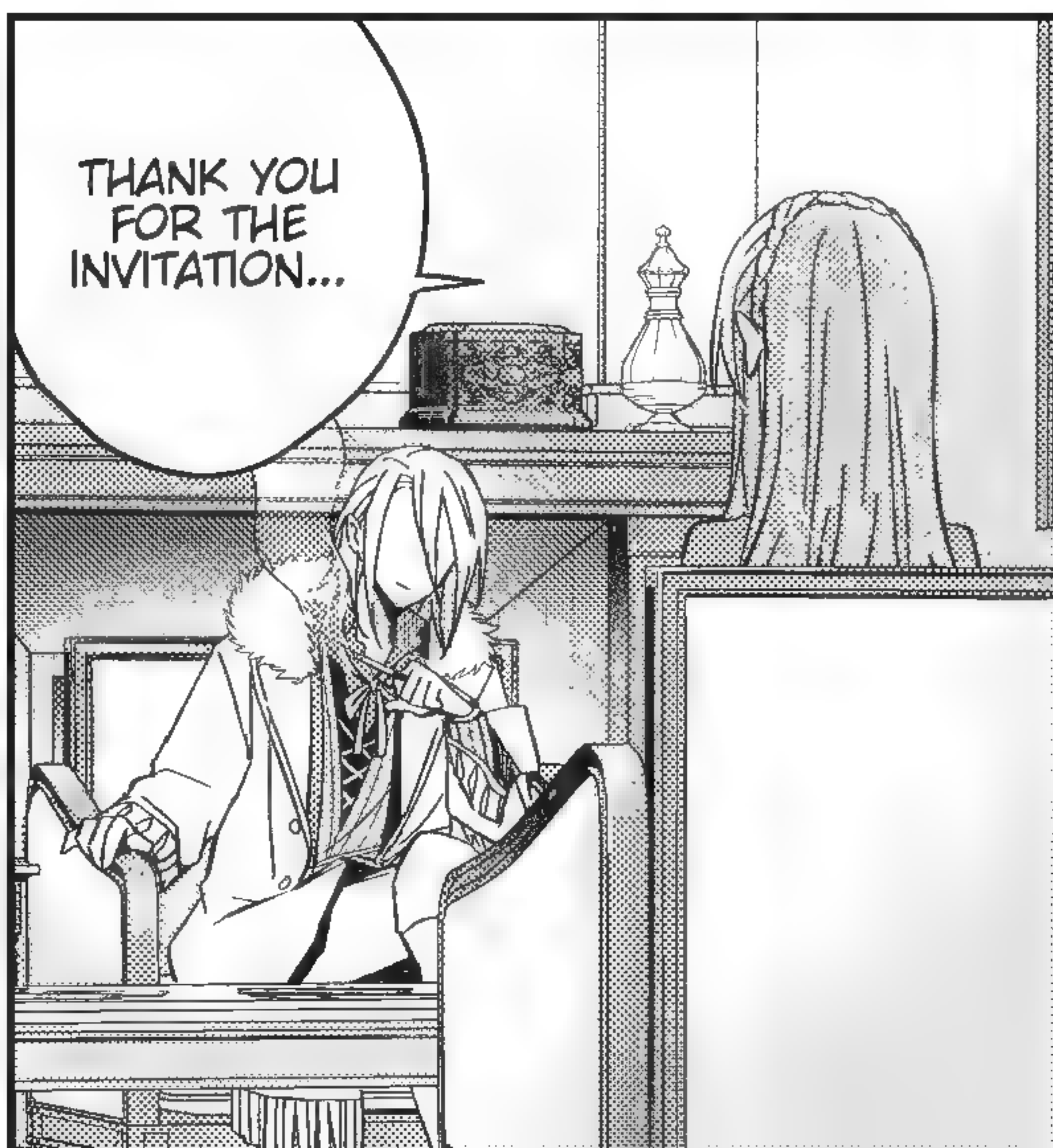
THAT WAY,
YOU COULD
LEARN SO
MUCH MORE.

SIR...

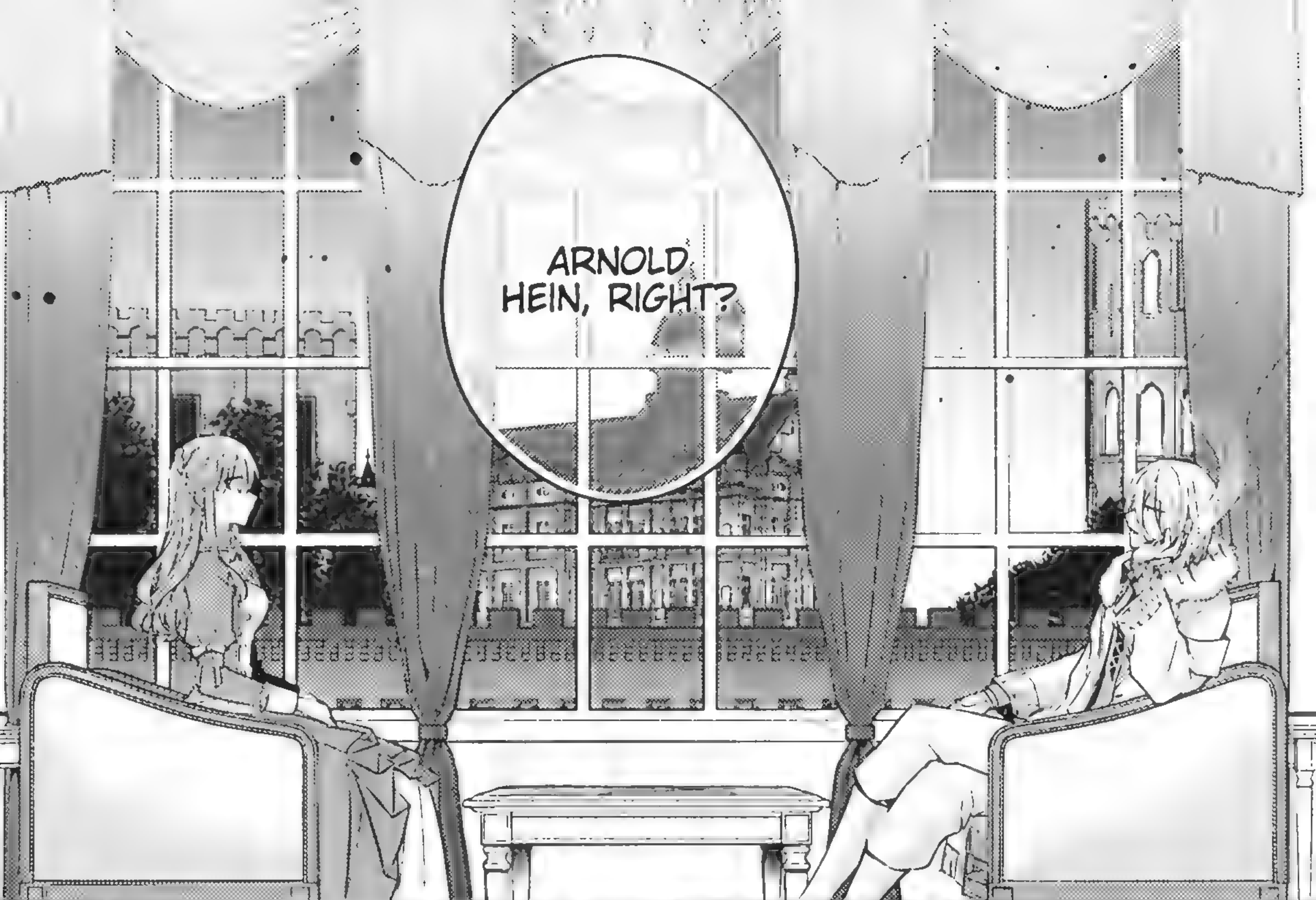


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BUT RIGHT
NOW, WHAT
I WANT
TO LEARN
ABOUT THE
MOST IS...



THANK YOU
FOR THE
INVITATION...



ARNOLD
HEIN, RIGHT?



I'M
INTERESTED
IN HIM TOO.



THE WAY
ARNOLD HEIN
REJECTED HIM
MAKES ME
THINK HE'S
PERFECT FOR
ONE OF MY
EXPERIMENTS.

I HEARD
THAT KYLE'S
REQUEST WAS
REJECTED,
BUT...



AN
ALCHEMIST.

I'VE NAMED
THIS CHEMICAL
"GUNPOWDER."

If I had
to say,
he's more
like...

THE TITLE
I HAD IN MY
THIRD LIFE...

He's
a scholar
who studies
reagents and
conducts
experiments
to make new
substances.

IT'S...

His goal
isn't to
create gold.





I
THINK...

HEH
HEH...

YOUR HUSBAND
WOULD BE ABLE
TO FIND AN
EFFECTIVE USE
FOR IT.



CHAPTER 25

Isn't It Beautiful?

MICHEL'S
GUNPOWDER
CAN DESTROY
ANYTHING.



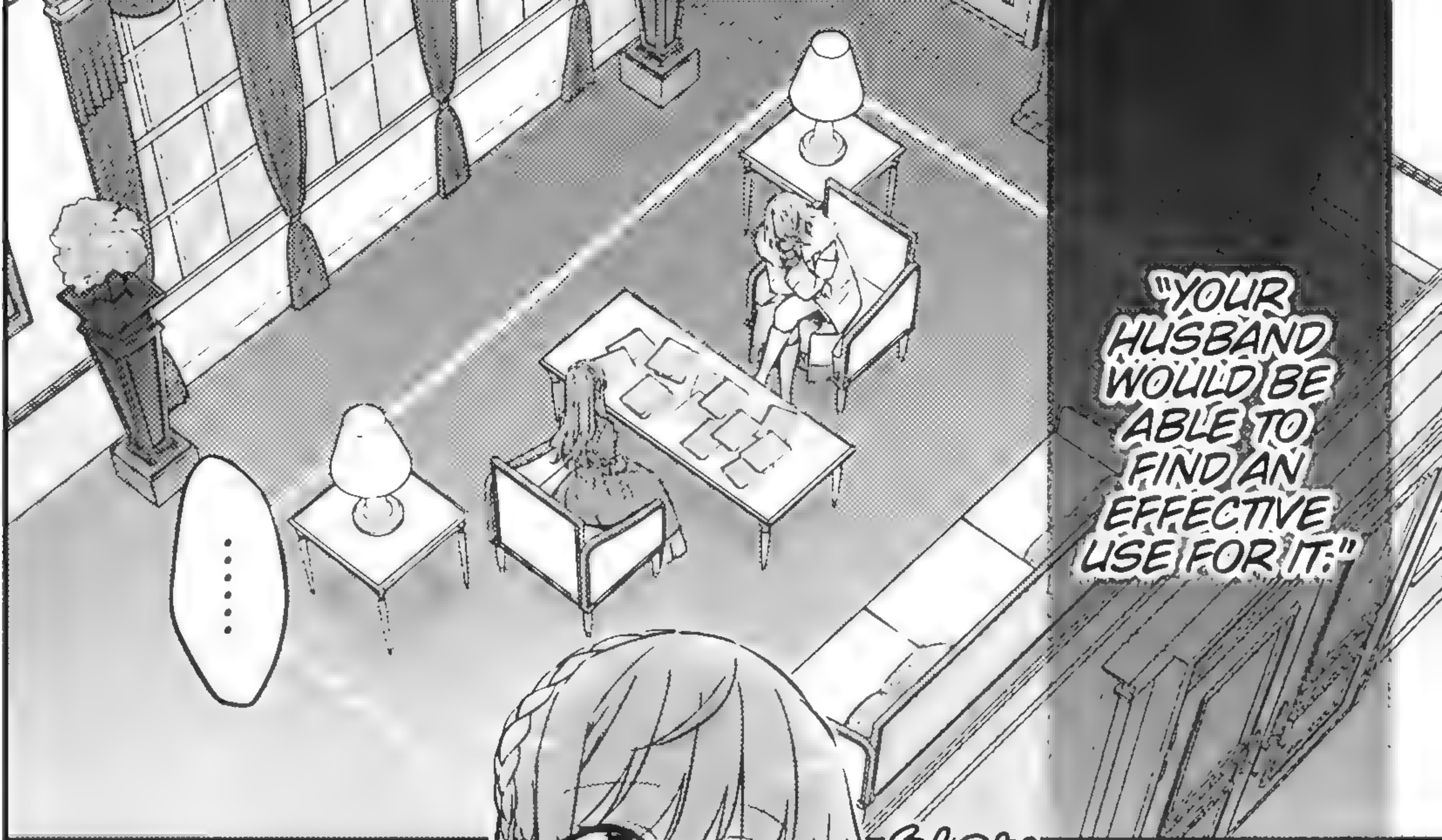
"I THINK..."



"WHO WILL
USE THIS
SUBSTANCE
THE WAY
I WANT."



"THERE IS
NO ONE..."



"YOUR HUSBAND WOULD BE ABLE TO FIND AN EFFECTIVE USE FOR IT."



AN EXPERIMENT? I'M INTERESTED.

Glow



I NEED A MAN WHO CAN TAKE REAL POWER IN A WAR.

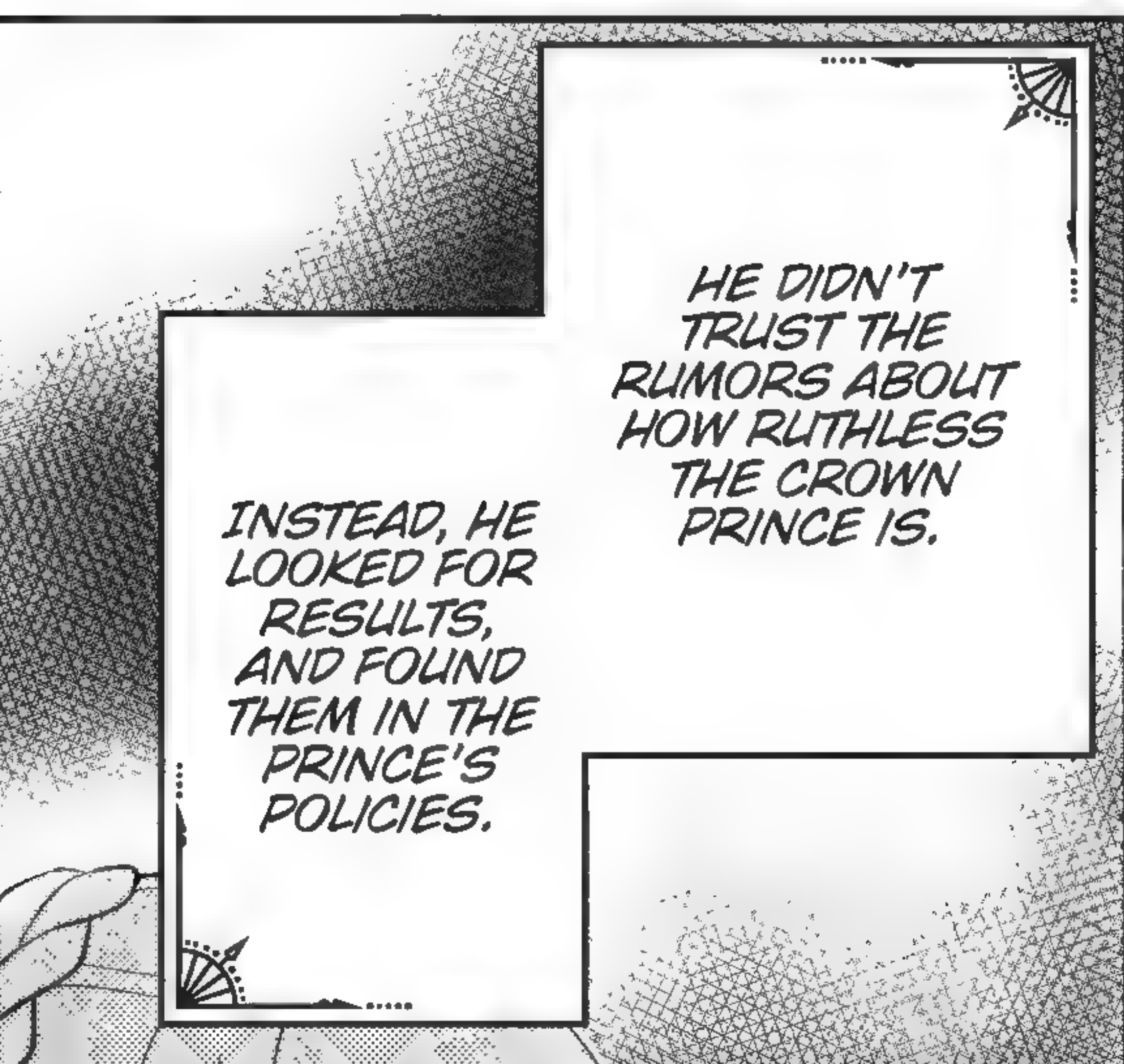
FOR YEARS I HAVE STUDIED HOW COUNTRIES ALL OVER THE WORLD ARE GOVERNED.



I THOUGHT
THAT NEITHER
FIT THE BILL
FOR WHO
I WANTED
FOR THIS
EXPERIMENT.

THE EMPEROR
OF THIS
COUNTRY IS
HOTHEADED
AND QUITE
TROUBLESOME.

AND ARNOLD'S
POLICIES ARE
TYPICAL OF A
"GOOD KING."



HE DIDN'T
TRUST THE
RUMORS ABOUT
HOW RUTHLESS
THE CROWN
PRINCE IS.

INSTEAD, HE
LOOKED FOR
RESULTS,
AND FOUND
THEM IN THE
PRINCE'S
POLICIES.



THAT'S WHY
I NEVER
ENCOUNTERED
IT IN MY PAST
LIVES.



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BUT
THAT WAS
A HASTY
DECISION
ON MY
PART.

PRINCE
ARNOLD AS
THE EMPEROR
WAS DEEMED
UNFIT FOR THE
EXPERIMENT
WHEN HE
BECAME KNOWN
AS A BRUTAL
KING.

GUNPOWDER
WASN'T USED IN
ANY PREVIOUS
LIFE I LED.

IF IT'S
PRINCE
ARNOLD...

BUT NOW
HE'S FOUND
HIM...

"Take advantage of
the battlefield's
terrain and
advance under
weather conditions
favorable to your
army."

The general
of your
army should
be a man of
wisdom and
leadership.

Soldiers
should be
experienced
and disciplined,
and all
orders must
be strictly
followed.

HE WILL
EFFECTIVELY
DEPLOY
GUNPOWDER
IN HIS NEXT
WAR.

THE
WORLD'S
WORST
PROSPECT.

As long
as it's
calibra-
ted, it's
accurate.

I tested
its
reliability
many times
before
putting it
to actual
use.

It was
easy to
carry
around
and proved
useful
on the
battlefield.

Instead
of using it
blindly, he
researched
how it
could be
implement-
ed...

and devised
new
strategies
based on
this new
technology.



AND LISTENS
TO ALL OF
MY SELFISH
REQUESTS!

DEVELOPS
NEW TRAINING
REGIMENS FOR
HIS KNIGHTS...

HE WORKS TO
PREVENT HIS
CITIZENS FROM
FALLING INTO
POVERTY...



PRINCE
ARNOLD IS
QUITE A
BENEVO-
LENT CROWN
PRINCE!



I KNOW
HE SAID
SOMETHING
AWFUL TO
PRINCE KYLE,
BUT...

THE OTHER DAY,
I LOST A BET TO
HIM AND INSTEAD
OF ORDERING ME
TO DO SOMETHING
EMBARRASSING,
HE GIFTED ME
A RING.

ISN'T HE
GREAT?~



HEY,
RISHE.



OF
COURSE!



HOW
ABOUT YOU
INTRODUCE
ME TO YOUR
HUSBAND?



I KNOW.

YOU DON'T
WANT ME TO
MEET HIM.



LET'S GO
SEE HIM
NOW.

I CAN ASK
HIM TO MAKE
SOME TIME
IN THE NEAR
FUTURE--

SIR
MICHEL,
THAT'S...

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STAND

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CHUCKLE







SORRY
FOR BEING
SO CRUEL.

POISON IS
CREATED
ONLY TO
KILL.

ITS ONLY
VALUE IS TO
FULFILL ITS
PURPOSE BY
DOING SO.

YES.

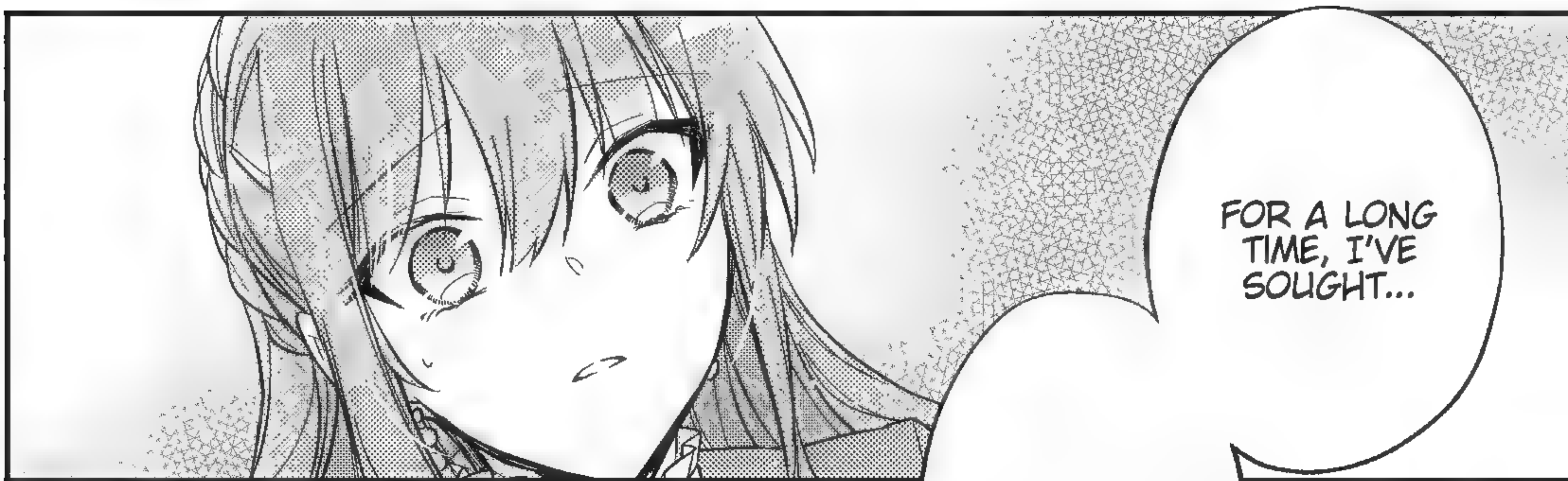
YOUR
MIS-
SION?

BUT
THIS IS MY
MISSION.



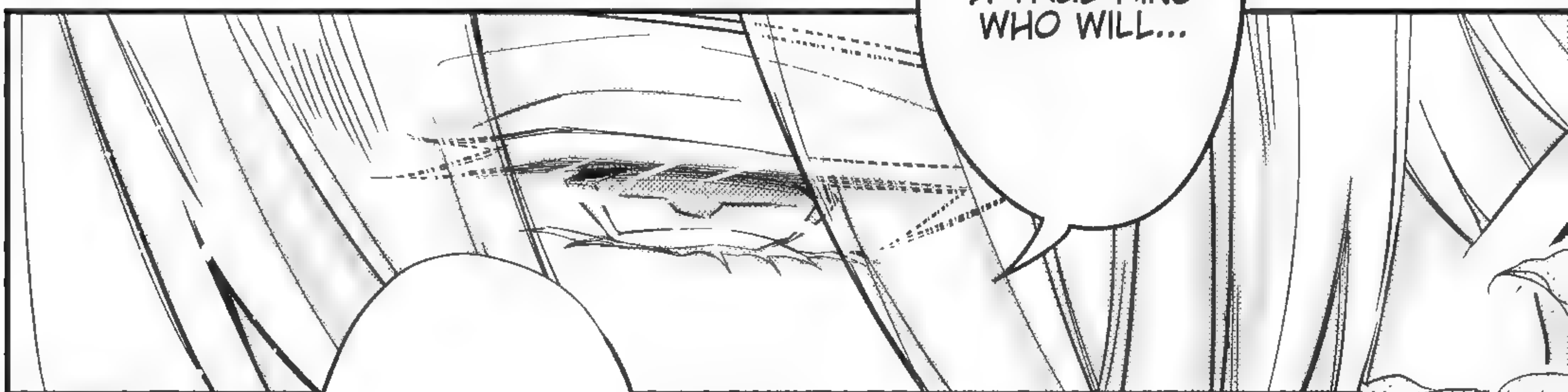
THAT'S THE
PURPOSE OF
MY ALCHEMY.

THE SAME
IS TRUE
OF ME.

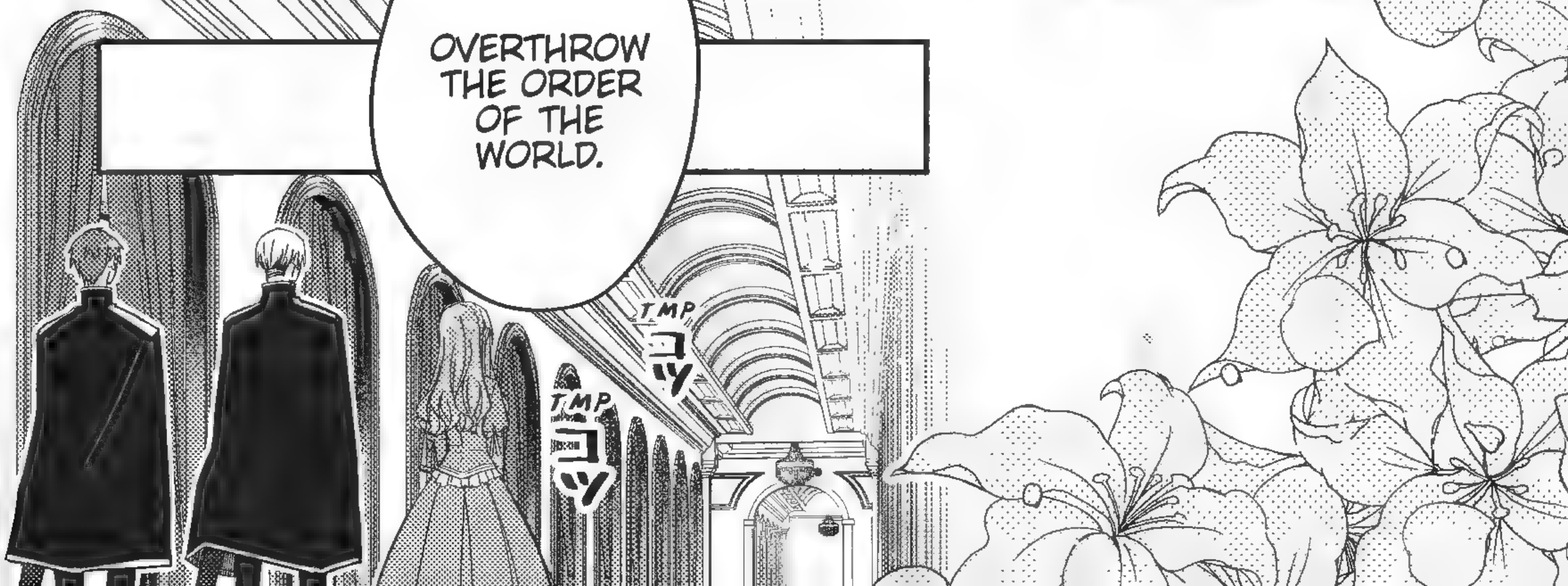


FOR A LONG
TIME, I'VE
SOUGHT...

A TRUE KING
WHO WILL...



OVERTHROW
THE ORDER
OF THE
WORLD.





CLICK
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PRINCE ARNOLD IS GOOD AT APPLYING NEW TECHNOLOGY.

SIR MICHEL WILL FIND A WAY TO TALK TO PRINCE ARNOLD.

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I CAN'T ALLOW HIM TO GET HIS HANDS ON THIS GUNPOWDER.

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GRAB
EEK!

TMP
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TMP
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BEFORE THE EMPEROR CAN MAKE HIS MOVE.

AT THE SAME TIME, I HAVE TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH COYOLLES...



DID HE FIND OUT ABOUT YOUR CROSS-DRESSING?

P...
PRINCE THEODORE!

I-I'M SORRY!!

HMPH!
IT'S FINE. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN COMPLICATED EITHER WAY.







IF
SOMETHING
WERE TO HAP-
PEN TO YOU, I
WOULDN'T BE
ABLE TO LOOK
MY BROTHER
IN THE EYE.

MY
SISTER-
IN-LAW IS
AMONG
THEM.



MAY I BORROW
THOSE AGENTS
OF YOURS?



THANK
YOU!

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wow...

TOUCHED

IT'S.
FOR. MY.
BROTHER!



PRINCE
THEODORE.



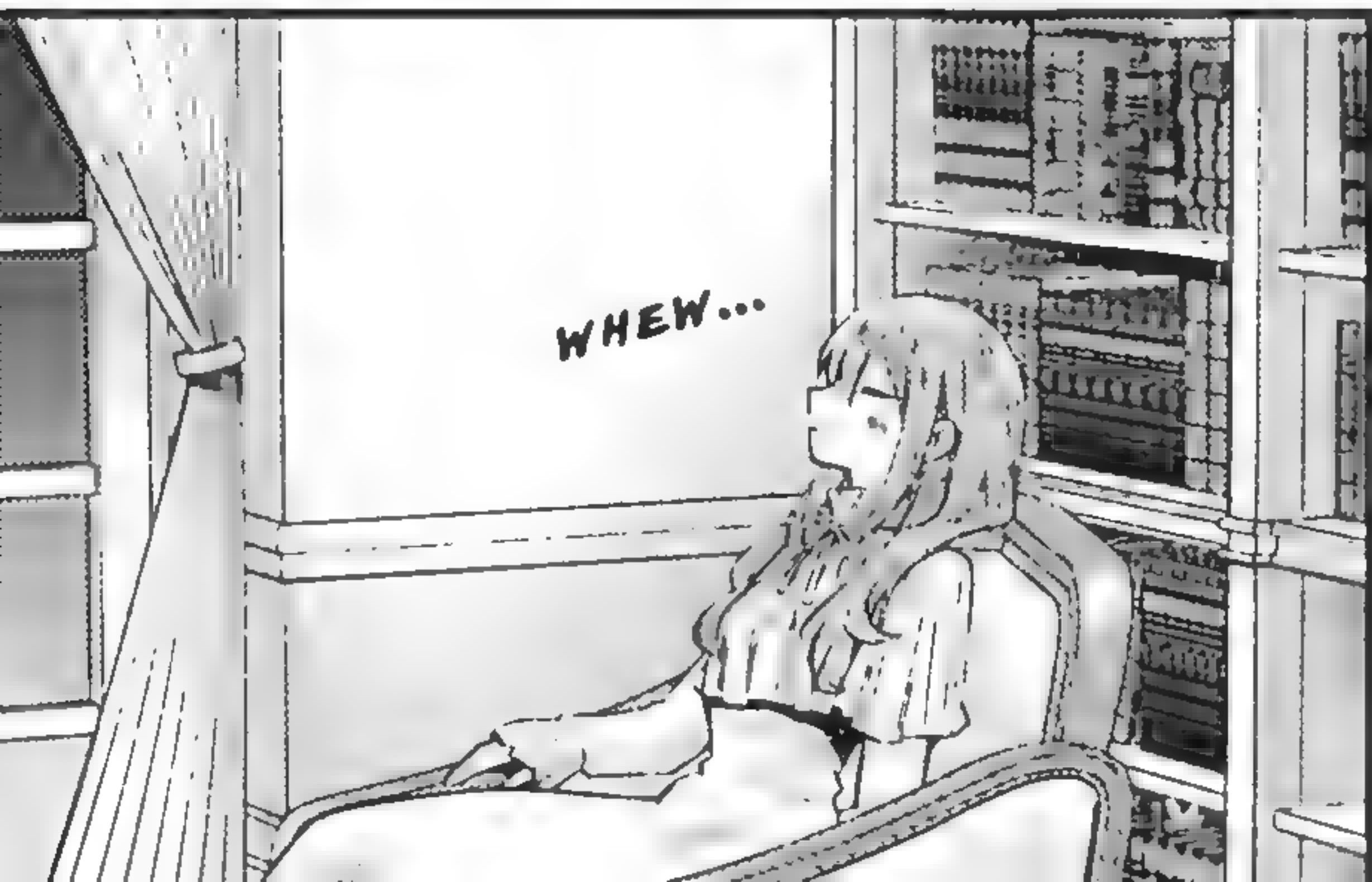
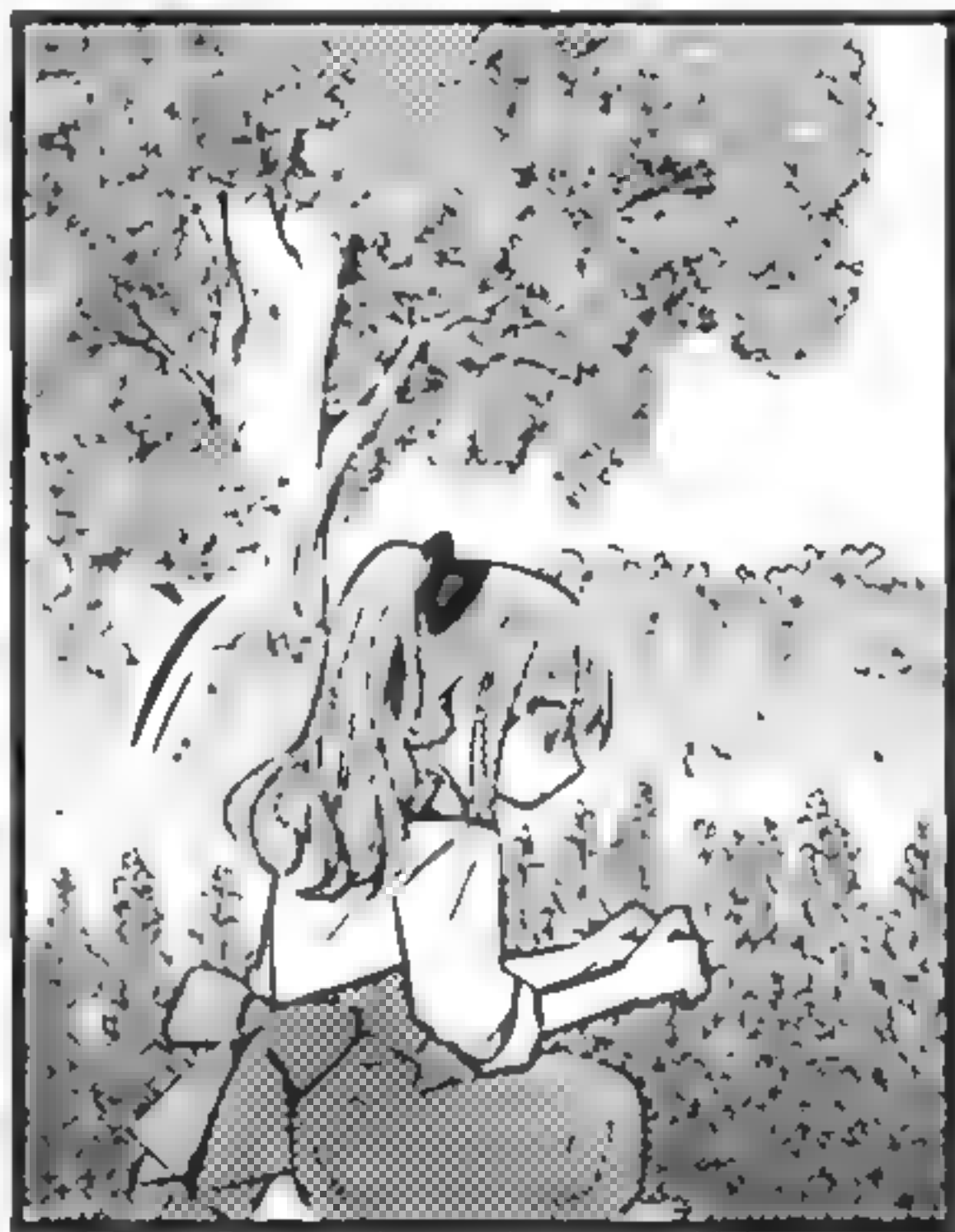
THIS IS
ACTUALLY...

NO...

IS IT TO
HELP MY
BROTHER?



A
REBELLION
AGAINST
PRINCE
ARNOLD.





PRINCE KYLE
SUPPORTED ME
IN MANY OF MY
OTHER LIVES,
NOT JUST
WHEN I WAS A
MERCHANT.



IN MY LIFE
AS AN
APOTHECARY,
HE DRANK THE
DISGUSTING
MEDICINE
THAT MY
TEACHER AND I
CONCOCTED.



Michel.

HOWEVER,
THE
MOST TIME
WE SPENT
TOGETHER
WAS DURING
MY LIFE AS AN
ALCHEMIST.



I MET SIR MICHEL, AND WE WENT TO COYOLLES TOGETHER...

TO STUDY IN PRINCE KYLE'S COURT.

You haven't touched your food again.

I also got a complaint that your room smells like rotten eggs.



I won't let him leave food again and I'll make sure he doesn't eat the flowers in the garden.

I'M SORRY...

I guess the weather has been nice and warm lately.

Hey, I never heard about that!



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PANIC

B-but...!

Can't you put them away somewhere after you're done reading them?

Huh?!

You too, Weitzner.

You're hoarding so many books in here that I'm afraid they'll make the stone floor cave in.



Wait...
what?!

I'm so
sorry. It'll
take me
about a
month to
dispose of
them...

All right.
I'll free up
one of my
rooms to
make an
archive.

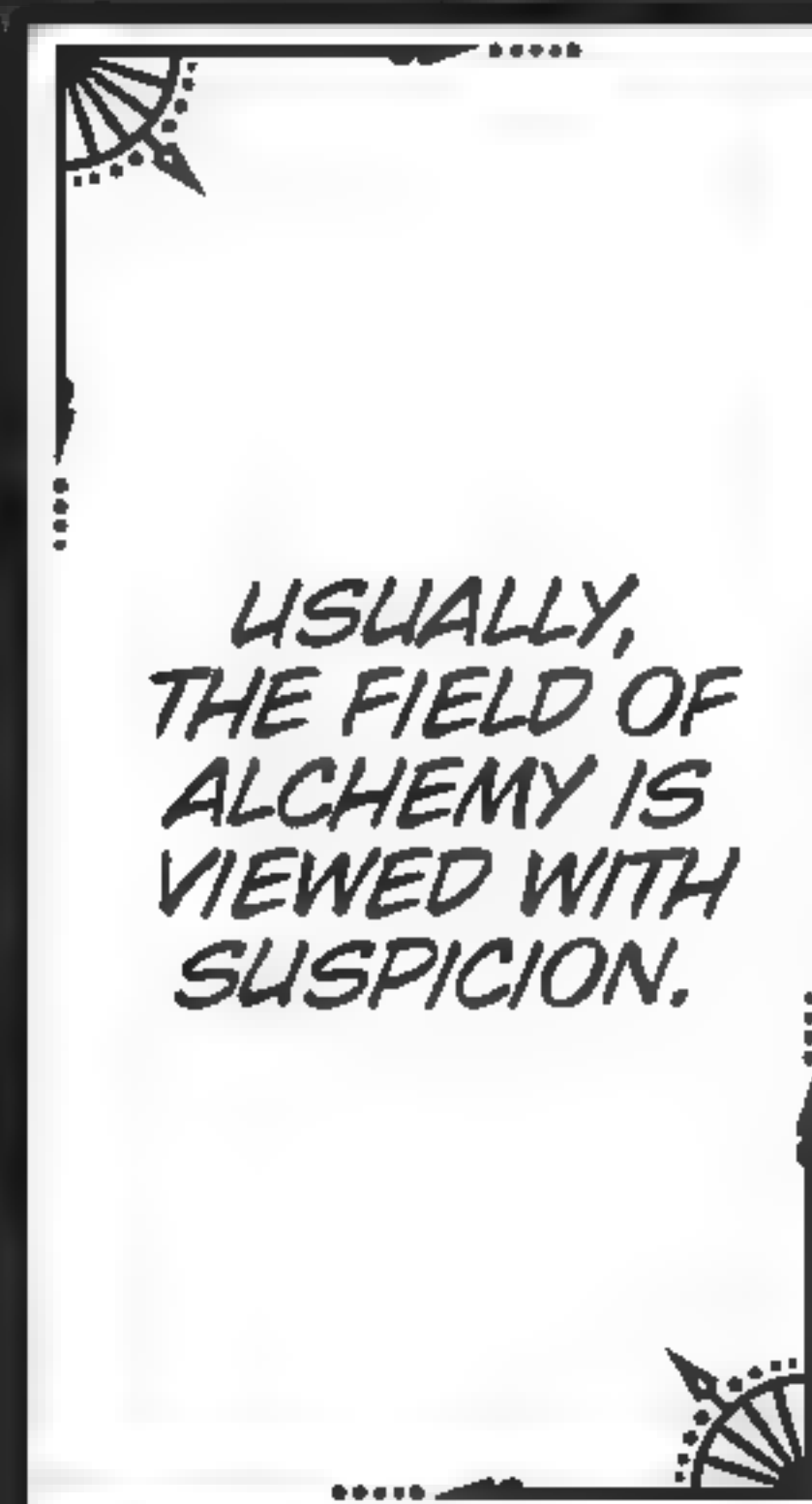
I'VE READ THEM MANY
TIMES SO I CAN RECALL THE
CONTENT, BUT THERE'S A LOT
TO BE GAINED FROM READING
THEM AT DIFFERENT TIMES...
BUT HE'S LETTING ME STAY
HERE AND I DON'T WANT
TO CAUSE TROUBLE...

Get rid
of my
books?!



It's my
job to
support
you.

BUT...



USUALLY,
THE FIELD OF
ALCHEMY IS
VIEWED WITH
SUSPICION.



Are you
sure?!

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SIR MICHEL
ONLY RECEIVED
AN INVITATION
TO COYOLLES
DUE TO HIS
EXTENSIVE
KNOWLEDGE
OF MEDICINE,
AMONG OTHER
FIELDS.



You can eat this bread while looking at your flasks!

All right, here!

You forgot to eat again because of your research?!

PRINCE KYLE SAVED US MORE THAN ONCE.

EAT!

LILI LILI LILI
AAAAAKE



Did it go well?!



I'll have my father fund the research.

I'll make sure he agrees to it.



That's great!

It makes me happy to know that your efforts have paid off.

AFTER
THAT...

Thank
you, sir!

I didn't
think I'd
ever get
to see
the aurora
borealis.

The
timing
was
perfect.

You can
see it best
on a cold
day after
several days
of warm
weather.



That's good.



Yes!
Without
a doubt!

Did it
help you
with the
research
you were
stuck on?

IT'S NOT
ACCURATE
ENOUGH
TO SUBMIT
A ROYAL
REPORT
YET.

YOU'VE
INVENTED
A WAY TO
PREDICT
THE
WEATHER?



Why do
you say
that?

I'm sorry
you had
to go to
all this
trouble
for me.



You're my
apprentice,
after all.



If there's
something
you don't
know, I will
do my best
to teach
you.

I'll show you
anything you
want to see.





what kind
of scholar
you'll
become.

I'm just
excited to
see...

But don't
worry
about that.



AND HIS
INTEREST IN
EXPERIMENTATION
WITH GUNPOWDER
ISN'T MOTIVATED
BY MALICE OR
CRUELTY.

HE
DOESN'T
HAVE ANY
ANIMOSITY
TOWARD
ANYONE...

AND HE
LIKED THE
PEOPLE OF
COYOLLES
TOO.

HE TOOK
GOOD CARE
OF PRINCE
KYLE...



FIREFLIES...

WHOA!

IT'S AS IF
THE STARS
ARE RAINING
DOWN.

ALL OF MY
MAIDS ARE
GONE...

IT'S A
SHAME I'M
THE ONLY ONE
SEEING THIS.



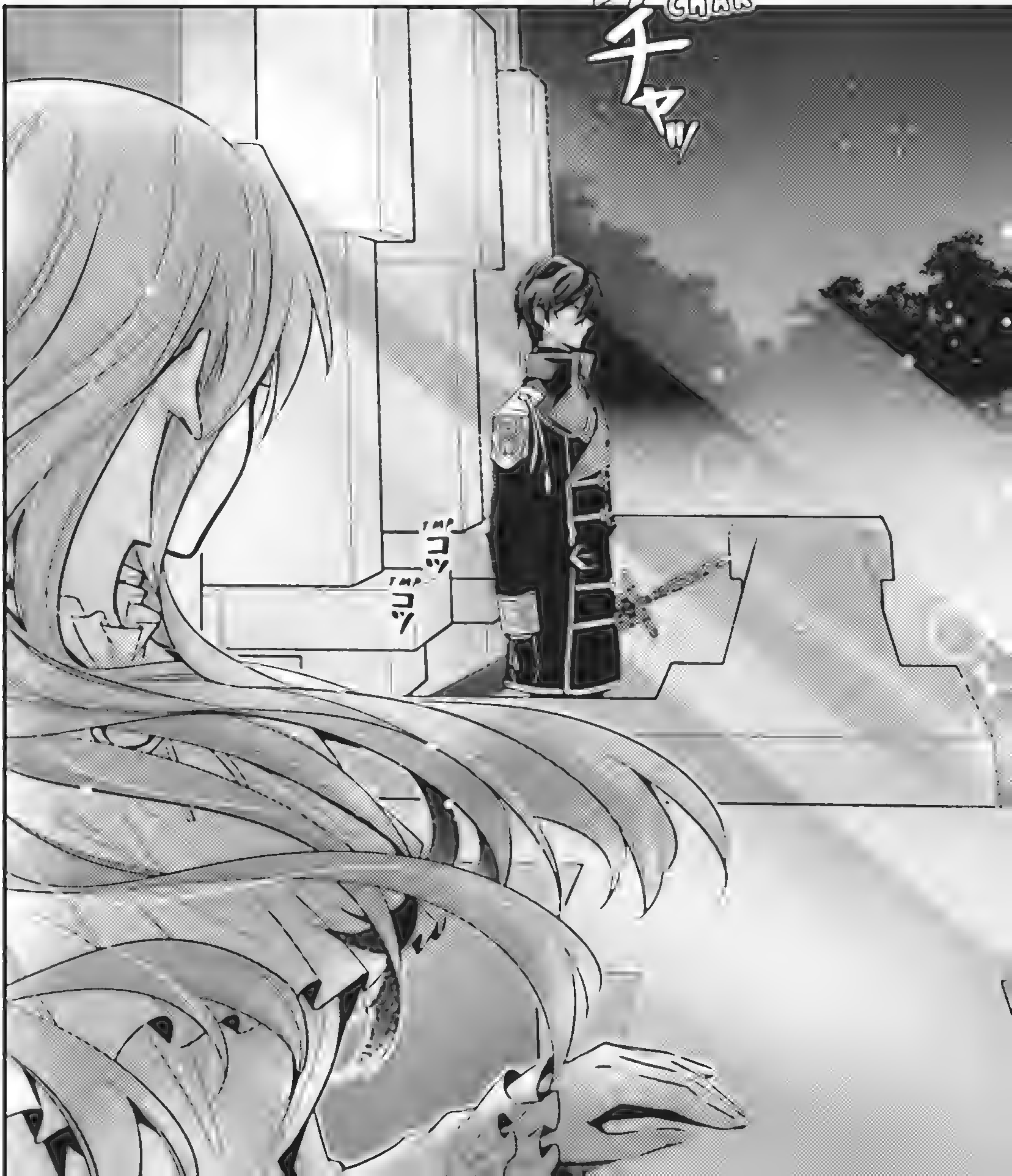
THAT'S WHY
IT'S HARD TO
DO ANYTHING.

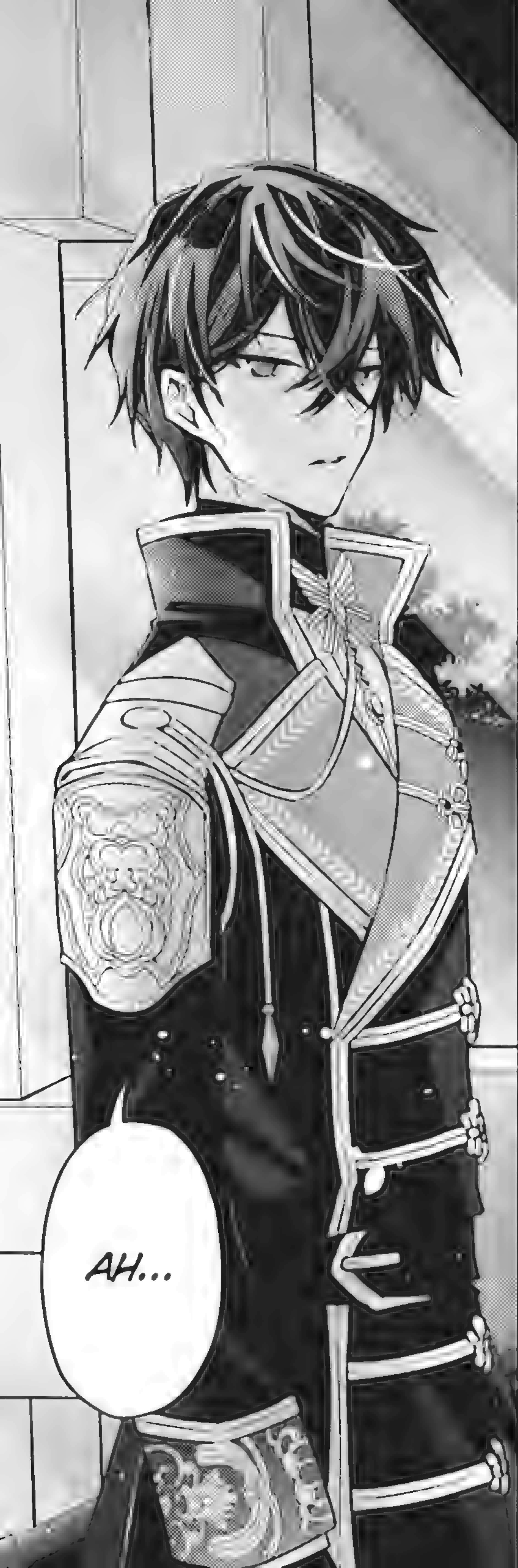
FLOAT
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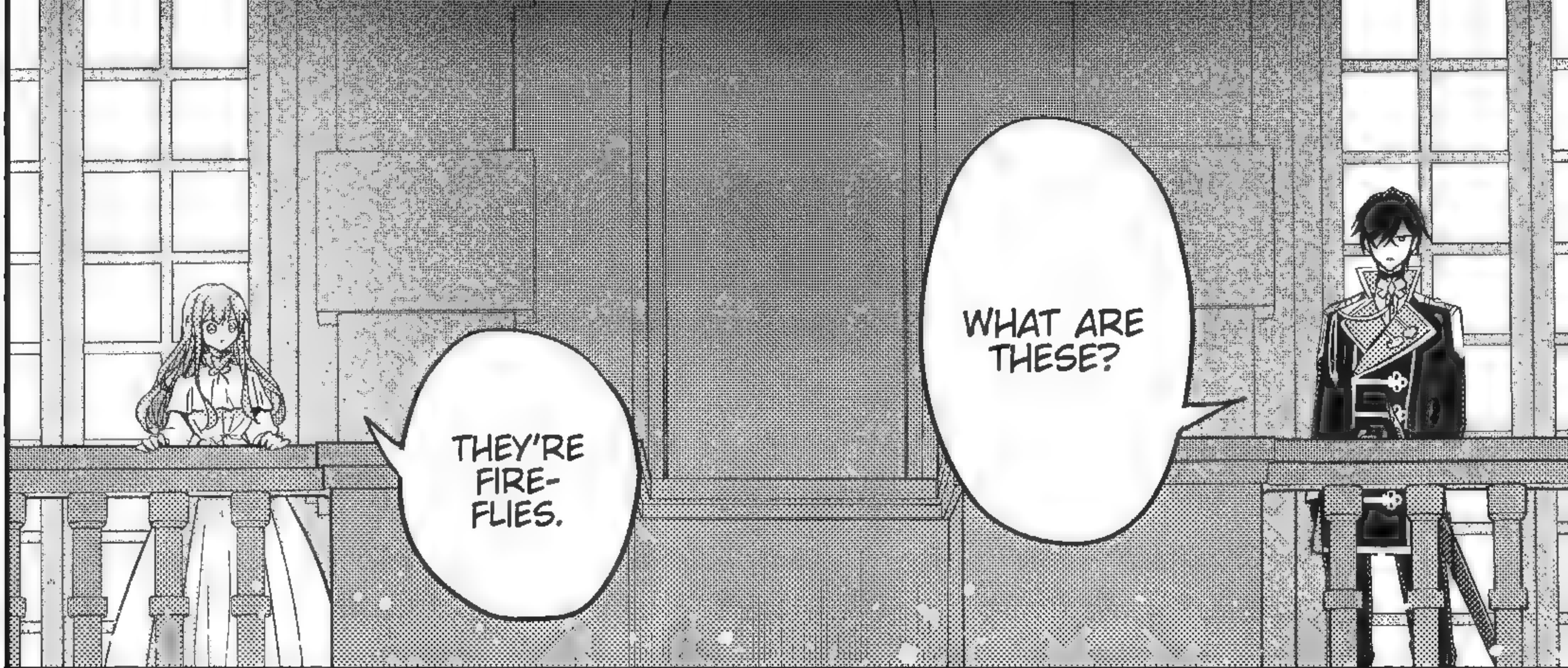


LIGHT?

CLATTER







THEY'RE
FIRE-
FLIES.

WHAT ARE
THESE?



SHOCK
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I CAN
HAVE THEM
EXTERMINATED
IF YOU LIKE.

WHAT?!
WHY?!



FLIES...



AND
LOOK...

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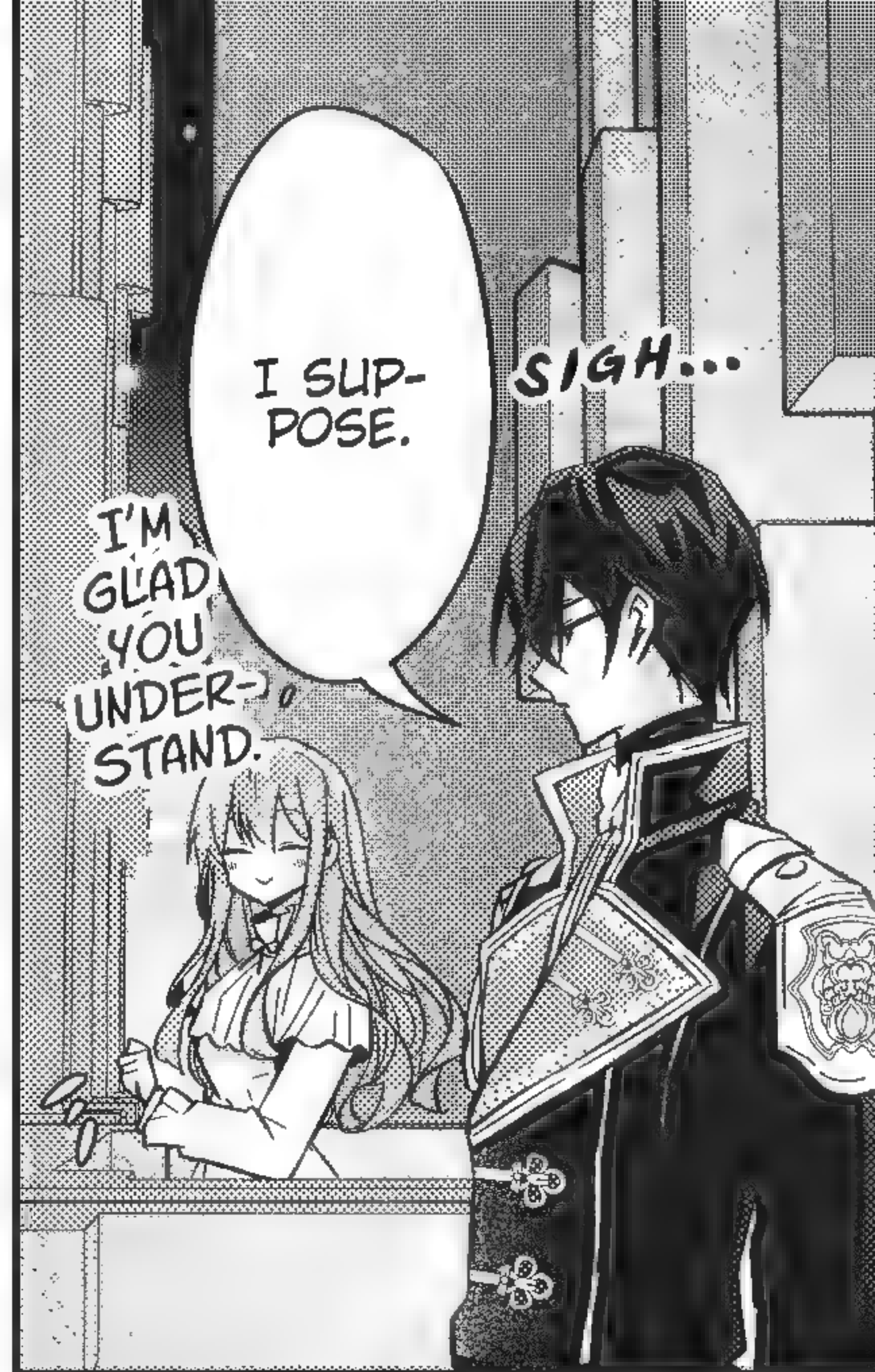
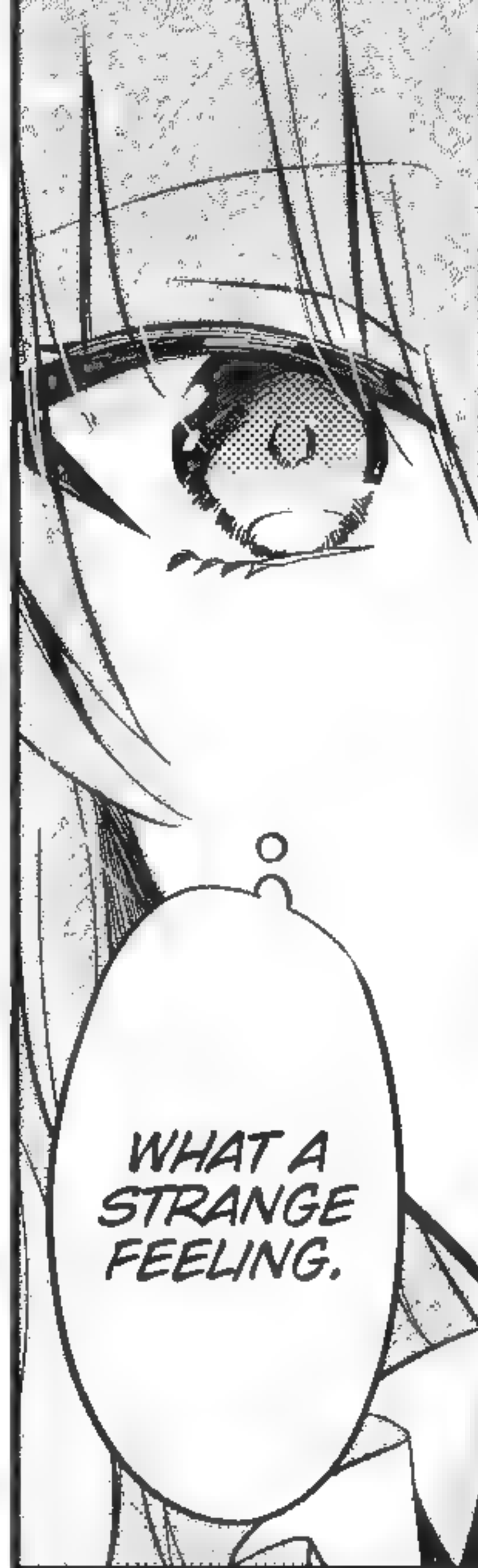


INSECT
CONTROL IS
IMPORTANT,
BUT WE HAVE
TO BE CAREFUL
HOW WE DO IT.

IF YOU KILL
TOO MANY
OF ONE
SPECIES,
IT'LL AFFECT
ALL THE
OTHERS.

ALL LIVING
THINGS ARE A
PART OF THE
WEB OF LIFE.





GASP!

WAIT, ARE
YOU GOING
TO...?

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LIM
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AH!





PRINCE...

ARNOLD.

The background of the entire page is a light gray with several faint, out-of-focus clock faces floating at various angles and positions. These clocks vary in size and clarity, creating a sense of depth and time passing.

7th TIME LOOP

The Villainess Enjoys a Carefree Life
Married to Her Worst Enemy!



PRINCE...

ARNOLD.

CHAPTER 26

.....

I Will Return

I'VE
SEEN YOU
JUMP OFF
A BALCONY,
AFTER ALL.

OF
COURSE.

I'M
SORRY
FOR
STARTLING
YOU.

BUT
YOU DO
REALIZE...

SO
WHY...?

THAT I CAN
JUMP THIS
DISTANCE,
RIGHT?



I CAN'T
HELP MY
REFLEXES.

EVEN IF I
KNOW...

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PRINCE
ARNOLD IS SO
TOLERANT OF
EVERYTHING
I DO.

HE KEEPS
THROWING
ME OFF!

THE
DOOR?

YOU COULD
HAVE JUST
COME IN
THROUGH MY
DOOR.



HEHI

HE LOOKS LIKE
HE'S HAVING
FUN WHEN HE
LOOKS AT ME.

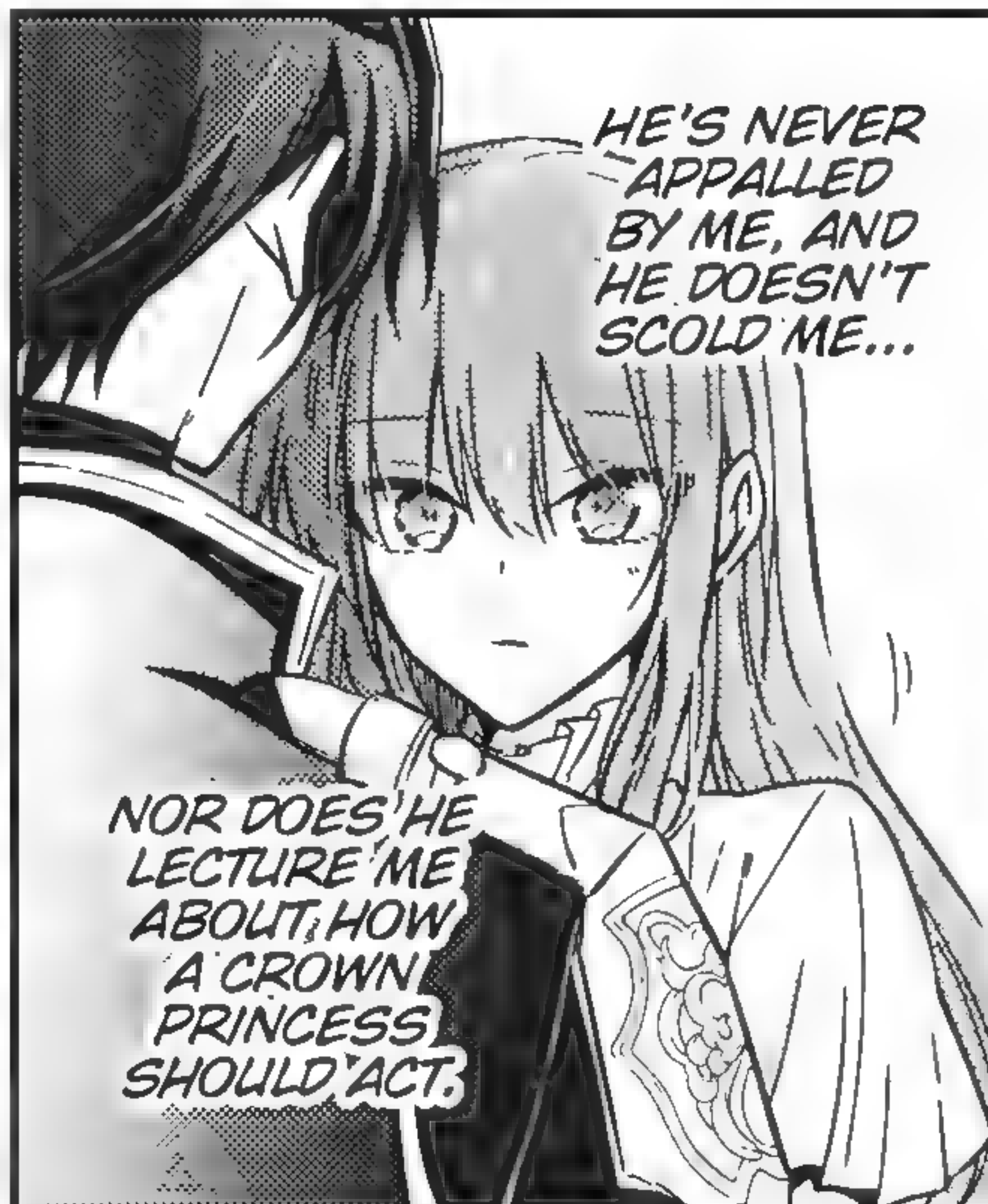
YOU'RE
ALWAYS
TRYING TO
FIND THE
QUICKEST
SHORTCUT.



ACK!

YOU'RE
RIGHT!!

HA!



HE'S NEVER
APPALLED
BY ME, AND
HE DOESN'T
SCOLD ME...

NOR DOES HE
LECTURE ME
ABOUT HOW
A CROWN
PRINCESS
SHOULD ACT.



TA-
TMP

THANK
YOU.

WHY DO
YOU HAVE
YOUR
SWORD?



I DON'T
KNOW
WHAT
YOU'RE
TALKING
ABOUT!

EVEN
THOUGH
HE'S ALWAYS
TEASING
ME...



TORCHES
IN THE
DISTANCE.

I
THOUGHT
THESE
LIGHTS
WERE...



I
WOULD...

HE
STILL HAS
HABITS
LEFTOVER
FROM THE
BATTLE-
FIELD.



BUT THERE'S
NO NEED
TO WORRY
ABOUT THAT
IN A CASTLE.



THEY DO
LOOK
SIMILAR.



AND I'D
HAVE BELLS
INSTALLED AT
EACH GAP SO
WE CAN BE
WARNED.

MAKE
ARROW SLITS
IN THE CASTLE
WALLS AND
PLACE
ARCHERS
THERE.



YOU'RE
RIGHT.

THE
SOUNDS ARE
A NUISANCE,
BUT BOWS
AREN'T A
THREAT.

ARCHERS WHO
VALUE CHIVALRY
AREN'T KNOWN
FOR THEIR SKILL
AND ACCURACY.



YOU'D
PURPOSE-
FULLY LURE
YOUR ENEMY
IN?

HMM...

I WOULD
PUT HOLES IN
MY DEFENSE
AND PRETEND
THAT I WASN'T
READY FOR
YOU.

IF YOU
WERE THE
GENERAL
OF THE
OPPOSING
ARMY...

IN THE FIRST
PLACE, IF WE
HAVE TO FIGHT
IN THE CASTLE,
WE'RE ALREADY
AT A GREAT
DISADVANTAGE.



I'D ACT
LIKE I WAS
EXPECTING
YOU...

THAT
WAY, YOU
WOULDN'T
MAKE A FULL-
ON ASSAULT
BECAUSE
YOU'D BE
WARY OF A
TRAP.

AND STAND
IN FRONT
OF YOU
PROUDLY.



INTER-
ESTING.

Heh!



I'D
USE THE
ENVIRON-
MENT TO MY
ADVANTAGE
AND PLACE
SOME
TRAPS...

YOU'D
NEED
MORE
TROOPS.

THE SOUTH
SIDE OF
THIS CASTLE
IS THE
HARDEST TO
PROTECT.
WHAT
WOULD YOU
DO?



I CAN
THINK OF
ENDLESS
SCENARIOS
LIKE THAT.

IF YOU
CAPTURE THE
WOMEN AND
CHILDREN AND
KILL THEM, THE
ENEMY ARMY
MIGHT OPEN
THEIR CASTLE
GATES THEM-
SELVES.

WAR
STRATEGIES
ARE EASY
TO COME
UP WITH
WHEN YOU
ATTACK YOUR
ENEMY'S
WEAK
POINT.

HE'S
GOING
TO
DEFEAT
ME...

IS THERE A
NEVER-ENDING
SUPPLY OF
WAR STRATE-
GIES INSIDE
YOUR HEAD?



YOU...

HATE
WAR.







THEY'RE
WORTH-
LESS, UGLY
THINGS...

THAT DON'T
DESERVE TO
BE GAZED AT
SO SWEETLY.



OR
BECAUSE
WE'RE
THE SAME
INSIDE.

I DON'T
KNOW IF
THAT'S
BECAUSE
I HAVE MY
FATHER'S
EYES...



AND
SEEING
THE CAPITAL
IRRITATES
ME.

THE
GLOW OF
THESE
INSECTS
LOOKED
LIKE WAR
TORCH-
ES...

I CAN'T FIND
JOY IN THE
WORLD THE
WAY YOU DO.



DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN WE WERE TRAVELING TO GALKHEIN?

YOU WERE ABLE TO TELL ME ABOUT EVERYONE'S STRENGTHS...

BECAUSE YOU RECOGNIZED THEM WITH YOUR OWN EYES.

The older knight who showed you deference...

Despite that, he ignored the naysayers, worked hard, and became a knight.

He trained day and night to make sure this mission went well.



YOUR VALUES AREN'T UNCHANGEABLE THINGS THAT YOU INHERIT FROM YOUR FAMILY.

THEY'RE SOMETHING YOU GET FROM YOUR OWN PERSONAL EXPERIENCES.

YOU JUST HAVE TO SEE THAT...



I'M
SURE THAT
IN THE
FUTURE...

THIS
COUNTRY IS
BEAUTIFUL
AND LIVING
THINGS ARE
INCREDIBLE.

OR
VALUABLE.

YOU'LL
SEE MANY
THINGS
THAT
YOU FIND
BEAUTI-
FUL...

HA!

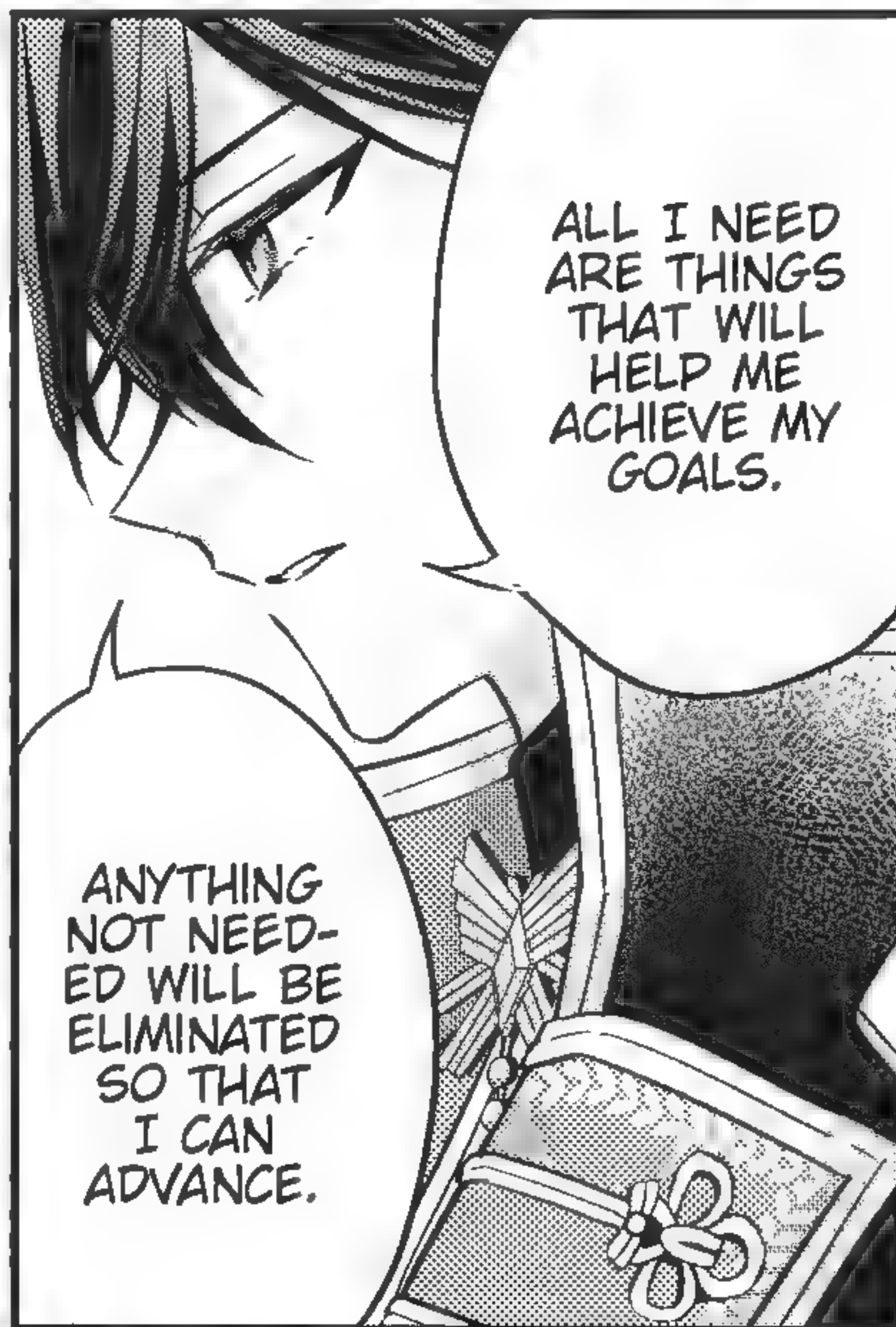


WITH
MY OWN
HANDS.

I'VE EVEN
KILLED
SOMEONE
DEAR TO
ME...



I DON'T
NEED
THAT.



ALL I NEED
ARE THINGS
THAT WILL
HELP ME
ACHIEVE MY
GOALS.

ANYTHING
NOT NEED-
ED WILL BE
ELIMINATED
SO THAT
I CAN
ADVANCE.

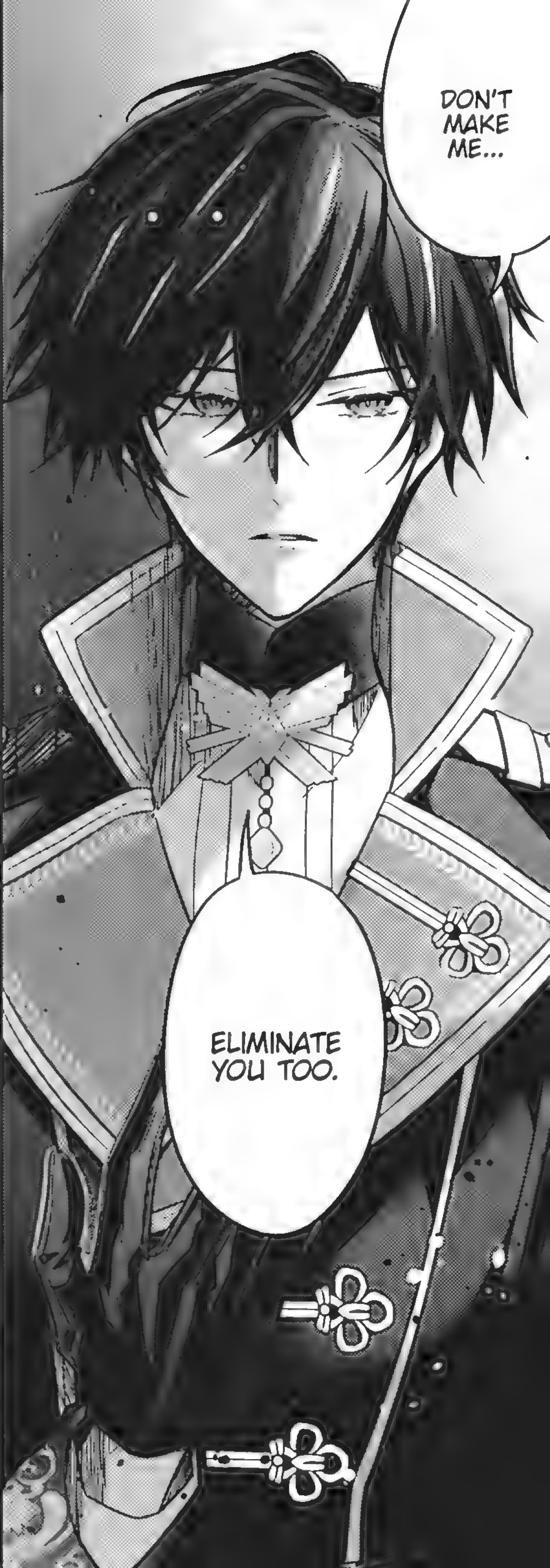


IS HE
TALKING
ABOUT HIS
MOTHER?

"THAT'S
RIGHT. MY
BROTHER
KILLED
HIS OWN
MOTHER."



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DON'T
MAKE
ME...



IT'S LIKE
A PLEA.

IF
HE ONLY
KEEPS
AROUND
WHAT HE
NEEDS...

THERE WAS
NO NEED
FOR HIM TO
ASK THAT
OF ME.

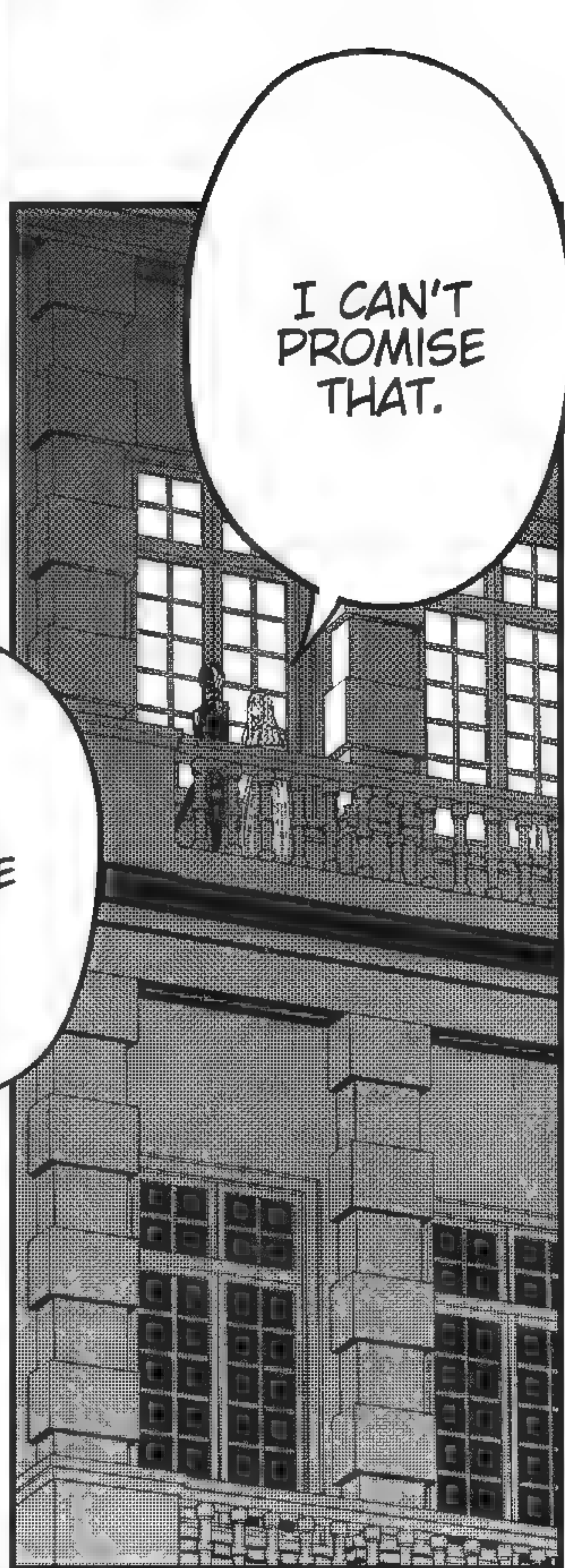
ELIMINATE
YOU TOO.



I CAN'T
PROMISE
THAT.

EVEN
AFTER
I BECOME
YOUR
WIFE...

EVERYTHING
I DO WILL BE
FOR MY OWN
REASONS.



BUT...

EVEN IF YOU
CUT ME OUT
OF YOUR LIFE,
I WON'T GIVE
THAT UP.

WHEN I CAME
TO THIS
COUNTRY, I
THOUGHT THAT
WE WOULD
EVENTUALLY GET
DIVORCED, AND
I'D BE THROWN
OUT.





WHAT?

NEXT TIME,
AS A MAID...

I WILL ACQUIRE
KNOWLEDGE THAT
WILL HELP ME
SMUGGLE MYSELF
INTO THIS CASTLE.

IF NOT
THAT, THEN
AN APOTH-
ECARY...

AND
IF THAT
DOESN'T
WORK,
THEN I'LL
DRESS UP
AS A MAN
AND COME
BACK AS A
KNIGHT.



WHEN
THAT
TIME
COMES...

I WILL
RETURN.



WHAT I
NEED TO DO
RIGHT NOW...

I'LL COME
FIND YOU,
OVER AND
OVER AGAIN.



I
APOLOGIZE
FOR MY
IMPROPRI-
ETY.

IS HELP HIS
FUTURE SELF.

HERE, AT
PRINCE
ARNOLD'S
SIDE...

SHF



I DON'T
KNOW YOUR
FATHER.

TO ME,
THESE EYES
ARE YOUR
EYES.

EVEN IF
YOU HATE
THEM...

I WILL
KEEP
TELLING
YOU...



THAT THE
COLOR
OF YOUR
EYES...

IS THE
MOST
BEAUTIFUL
IN THE
WORLD.

—
...



BUT I
NEEDED
HIM TO
KNOW
THAT.

I DON'T
WANT TO
IMPOSE MY
VALUES ON
HIM.



IT'S
LATE.

SLIDE?



PRINCE
ARNOLD.

GOOD
NIGHT...



GET
SOME
REST.



I COULD TELL
JUST HOW
MUCH PRINCE
ARNOLD HATES
HIS FATHER.

HE SAID
WANTED
TO PLUCK
HIS EYES
OUT.

P-TMP



I UNDERSTAND
NOW...



SO I'LL SHOW
HIM A WHOLE
NEW SIDE OF
THE WORLD
INSTEAD.

THAT I CAN'T
CHANGE THE
WAY HE SEES
THINGS...

AND HE'S
NOT THE ONLY
PERSON...



WHO NEEDS
SOMETHING
LIKE THIS.



I APOLOGIZE
FOR CALLING
YOU OUT
THIS LATE.

PREPARE
THE ELITE
SOLDIERS
SO WE
CAN MOVE
OUT RIGHT
AWAY.

THE ARMY IS
GETTING BIGGER
AND STRONGER,
JUST AS YOU
EXPECTED, MY
LORD.

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ARE WE
MOBILIZ-
ING?



I WANT
TO COM-
MAND
THEM
DIRECTLY.



ISN'T IT
A LITTLE
EARLY?

HE BELIEVES
THAT TOO,
WHICH IS THE
WHOLE POINT.



AND...

I'VE
ACCOUNTED
FOR THE
INEVITABLE
LOSSES.

Next day,
reception room.

YOU CAN
TELL JUST
BY LOOKING
AT ME?

I'M GLAD TO
SEE THAT
THE MEDICINE
SEEMS TO BE
WORKING.

PLEASE
START TAKING
THESE PILLS
TOO.

YOUR COUGH
SEEMS TO HAVE
CALMED DOWN
A BIT, SO I
IMAGINE YOU'RE
GETTING BETTER
SLEEP.

BUT
I NEVER
EXPECTED
TO MEET
ANOTHER
OF HER
CALIBER...

I'VE BEEN
SEEN BY AN
APOTHECARY
NAMED HAKU-
REI WHO WAS
INCREDIBLY
SKILLED...

THAT WAS
ACTUALLY
MY
TEACHER...

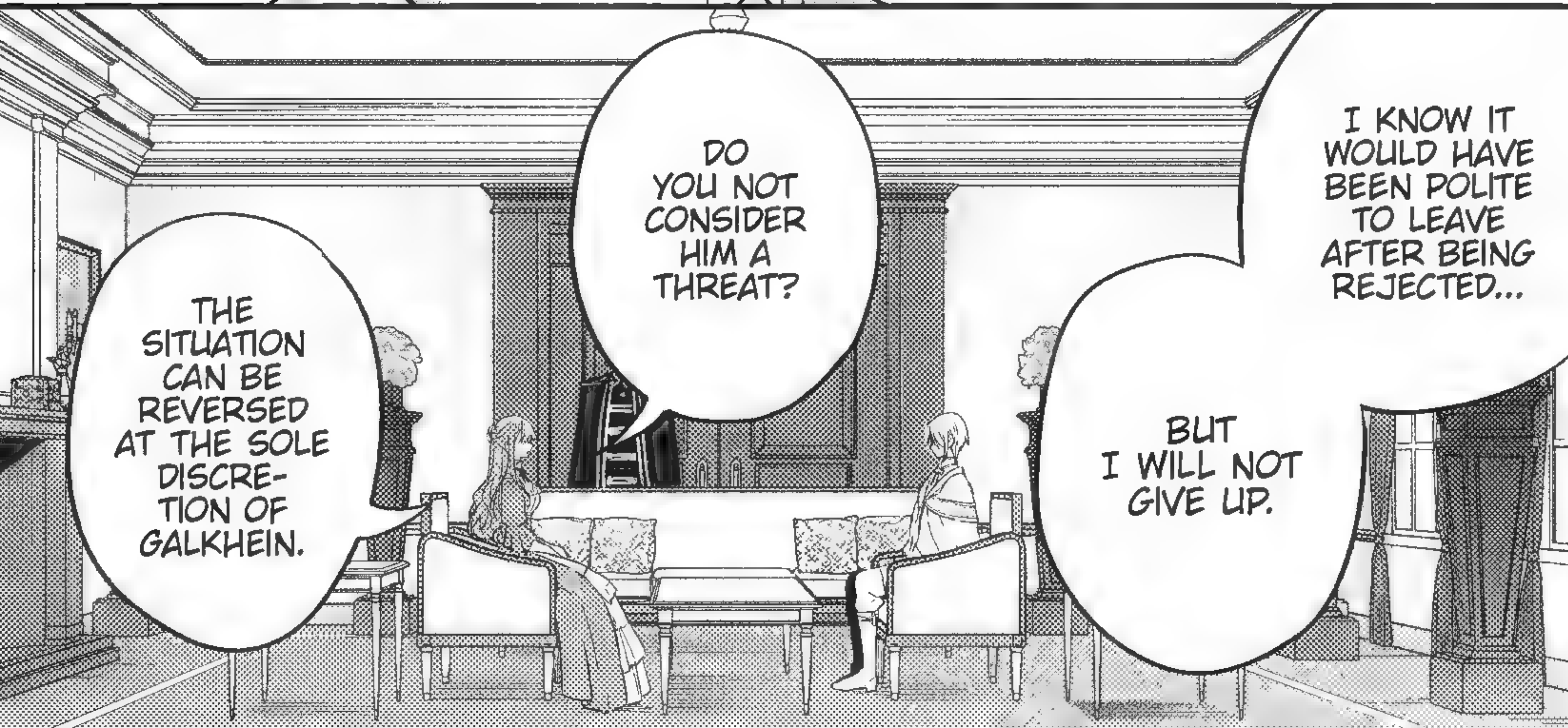
YOU
HAVE THE
EYES OF A
GODDESS.



I OVER-
HEARD THE
CONVERSA-
TION YOU HAD
WITH PRINCE
ARNOLD AT
THE PARTY.



I'M EMBAR-
RASSED...



THE
SITUATION
CAN BE
REVERSED
AT THE SOLE
DISCRE-
TION OF
GALKHEIN.

DO
YOU NOT
CONSIDER
HIM A
THREAT?

I KNOW IT
WOULD HAVE
BEEN POLITE
TO LEAVE
AFTER BEING
REJECTED...

BUT
I WILL NOT
GIVE UP.



MUST HAVE
BEEN SIMPLY
BECAUSE
IT WAS AN
EFFECTIVE
TACTIC.

THE
REASON
PRINCE
ARNOLD
KILLED THOSE
ENEMY
SOLDIERS
SO MERCI-
LESSLY...



SO THIS IS
JUST HOW
I IMAGINE
IT, BUT...

I'M
UNFAMIL-
IAR WITH
WAR...



WHICH WOULD
MEAN FEWER
KNIGHTS
WOULD HAVE
TO DIE.

HE THEN
BEHEADED
ALL THE ENEMY
ROYALS IN
ORDER TO PUT
A DEFINITIVE
END TO THE
WAR...

HOWEVER, IF
THEY'RE ALL
DEAD, THOSE
KNIGHTS WOULD
LEAVE THE
BODIES AND
PROTECT
THEMSELVES.

IF THERE
ARE INJURED
SURVIVORS,
REINFORCE-
MENTS WOULD
COME TO
RESCUE THEM.



I AGREE
WITH YOU,
PRINCE
KYLE.

PRINCE
KYLE IS
AMAZING.

IF HE
WASN'T ILL AND
THIS WORLD
WAS MORE
PEACEFUL...

HE HAS
ACCURATE
ANALYTICAL
SKILLS AND
IMAGINA-
TION.

HE WOULD
HAVE BEEN
A RENOWNED
RULER.



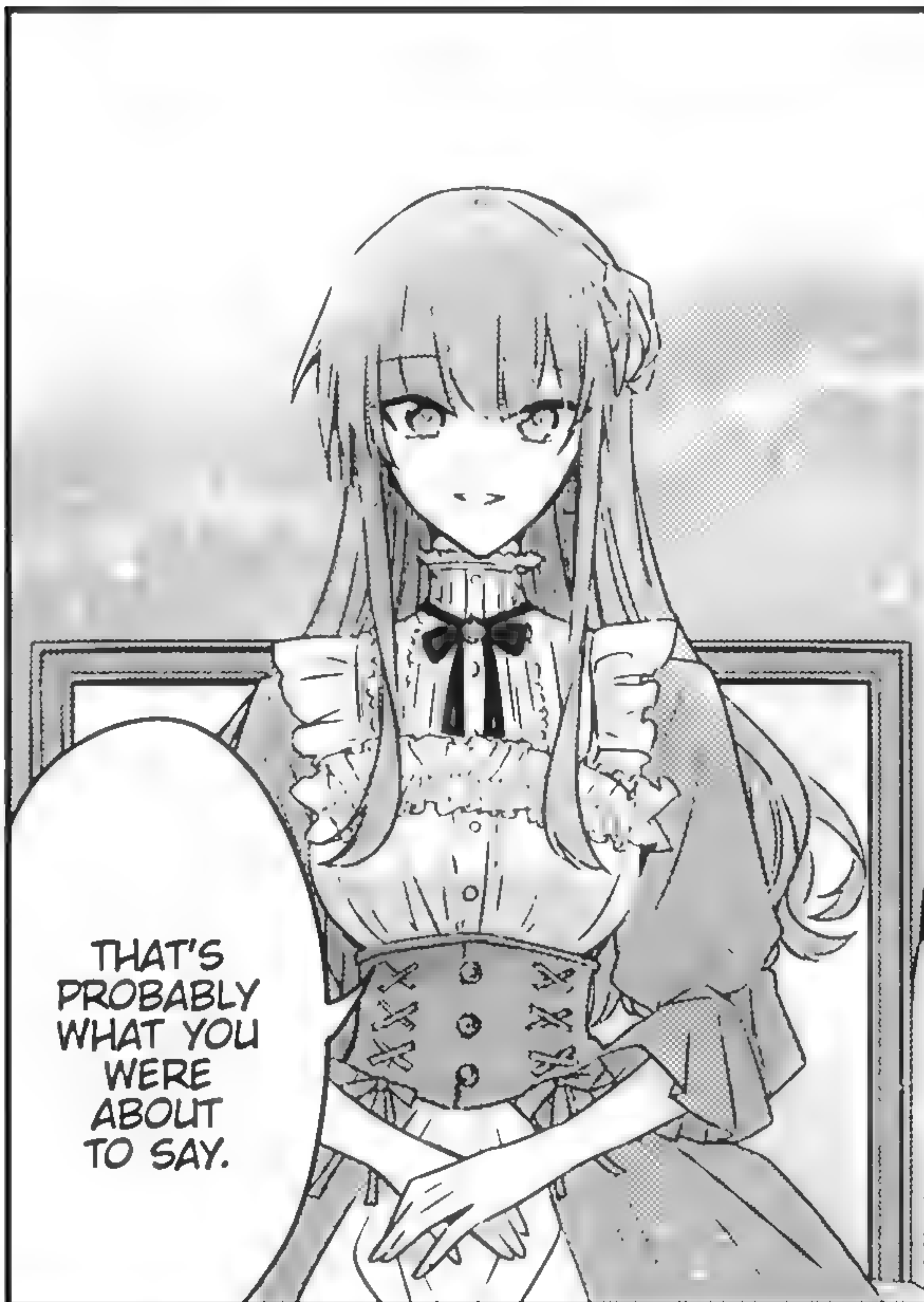
THE PATH
I NEED TO
TAKE WON'T
CHANGE.

EVEN IF
PRINCE
ARNOLD
REALLY WERE
A CRUEL
PERSON...

HIS POLICIES
ALWAYS PUT
HIS CITIZENS
FIRST. THERE'S
NO DOUBT THAT
HE'S A WISE
LEADER.



"I'LL
PROTECT
COYOLLES
WITH MY
LIFE."



THAT'S
PROBABLY
WHAT YOU
WERE
ABOUT
TO SAY.



BUT I DON'T
THINK THAT'S
RIGHT.

BE-
CAUSE...

I USED
TO BELIEVE
THAT IMPORTANT
THINGS WERE
WORTH PROTECT-
ING WITH MY
LIFE.



THE LIFE
OF THE
PERSON
YOU DIED
FOR WILL
CONTINUE
ON.



BUT
BECAUSE
EVEN IF
THEY LOSE
THEIR LIMBS,
THEY'LL
KEEP ON
LIVING.

THE KNIGHTS
OF GALKHEIN
ARE STRONG
NOT BECAUSE
THEY NOBLY DIE
TO PROTECT
US...

THOSE PEOPLE
COULD HAVE
CAUGHT UP TO
THE CARRIAGE.

IF THERE
WAS EVEN
ONE KNIGHT
THAT WAS LEFT
ALIVE...

PRINCE
ARNOLD IS
KIND.

THEY MAY HAVE
BEEN BETRAYED
BY THEIR ALLIES
IN EXILE.

AND BECAUSE OF THAT KINDNESS, HE
RESORTS TO EXTREME MEASURES LIKE
WAR AND MURDER WITHOUT HESITATION.

PLEASE,
PRINCE
KYLE.

THAT'S WHY
I HAVE TO
STOP HIM.

WON'T
YOU FORM
AN ALLIANCE
WITH ME?

FLAP

AN
ALLIANCE?
DO YOU
MEAN...?

TO CONVINCE
PRINCE
ARNOLD.

I THINK YOU
COULD EXECUTE
THIS PLAN.

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LADY
RISHE...

WHAT ARE
YOU...?



I NEED
YOUR HELP.

TO FORM
AN ALLIANCE
BETWEEN
COYOLLES
AND
GALKHEIN...



WHAT IF
HE DOESN'T
CARE...?





NO.

I'M SURE
HE WILL
LISTEN.

HOW CAN
YOU BE SO
CERTAIN?

BECAUSE...



I AM...

HIS FUTURE
WIFE.

To Be Continued





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What It Means to Be a Fiancée, after Being Discovered Cross-Dressing

Rishe often spent her afternoons with Arnold in the garden adjoining the royal villa. His butler, Oliver, requested that she take Arnold out once a day because he would work all day without taking any breaks otherwise.

But on this particular afternoon, they weren't having their usual tea. Instead, Rishe found herself seated on a wooden bench—Arnold had finally caught her dressing as a man to train with the night cadets.

“How do they look, Prince Arnold?”

Rishe was a little nervous sitting next to him. Her arms, pale from carefully applied sunscreen, were being held and inspected by a black-gloved Arnold.

“It doesn't look like you tore or strained any of your muscles.”

“My muscles are only sore. Lord Lawvine has trained me well.”

“Well, continue to take it easy and don't let them notice your real gender.”

Prince Arnold specified “gender” not “identity,” Rishe thought. *All the cadets would be shocked to discover a woman in their midst. I have to be careful!*

“Speaking of which,” Arnold said as he let go of Rishe’s hand, “you *are* aware that you’re my fiancée, are you not?”

“Huh?” Rishe looked surprised that Arnold would ask such an obvious question.

He was probably referring to the time he found out Rishe had infiltrated training by wearing men’s clothing. Rishe, her cheeks continuously pinched as punishment, had then pointed out to Arnold that she didn’t want anyone else to witness the punishment and even asked Arnold if he had a fiancée.

“Of course I’m aware!” Rishe responded.

“Oh, you are?”

“Yes. Right now, ‘Prince Arnold’s fiancée’ is my most important title.”

Being the fiancée of the Crown Prince of Galkhein was more important to her than her rank as the duchess of the Weitzner family.

Rishe was simply stating an obvious fact, but she somehow felt embarrassed to say it.

But...

Rishe realized her feelings made sense.

I’ve had a fiancé for as long as I can remember, and it was more like a chore. I never thought of an engagement as anything special until now.

As she sat next to Arnold on the bench, she began to feel increasingly agitated.



A fiancée is, put plainly, his future bride, Rishe thought. This was all a fact of life now.

She *was* perfectly aware, but when Arnold asked her, it made it seem more real.

“A-are *you* aware?” she asked somewhat hesitantly. “Of the fact that you are my fiancé....?”

“.....”

Her cheeks were surely burning red-hot. She could feel the heat even without touching them. Arnold stared at Rishe and spoke without changing his expression.

“I’m aware.”

“Oh...”

He said it like it was nothing, which made Rishe blush even more.

“I was the one who asked you to marry me and wanted you to be my wife, after all,” Arnold clarified.

That’s so unfair! He told me himself that he brought me here as a political tool!

When Prince Theodore summoned her to the chapel, Arnold had indeed said this, but if she were to point this out to him, she’d have to think about the kiss he gave her that evening.

“There wasn’t even any need for an engagement period, really, except that I have to wait until you turn sixteen. Otherwise, I would have already made you my wife.”

“.....!!”

The fact that he told her so matter-of-factly made her even more uncomfortable.

It was true that during Arnold's proposal, when he learned that Rishe was only fifteen years old, he immediately scheduled the wedding to occur just two weeks after Rishe turned sixteen.

He didn't even acknowledge any of Oliver's attempts to persuade him that the wedding should wait for at least a year.

There is a reason behind Prince Arnold's proposal. Rishe thought. I'm sure that's why he wanted to marry me so quickly, and I understand that!!

Rishe was all too aware. The other day Arnold had even referred to her as "wife" in front of Michel. It was so casual that she almost missed it. But it also sounded so natural that it made Rishe feel awkward.

Arnold gently lowered his gaze and spoke softer than usual.

"I don't make a lot of promises to people I'm not engaged to."

"....."

The way he said this was so gentle that Rishe could only gasp. She wanted to cover her face with her hands, but instead, she looked away and quietly said, "I...I am aware of...that..."

"Oh."

"I imagine I demand more from you than from any other person."

Whatever she wished for, he provided. He agreed never to touch her, and if he must, it should be with a glove. Or, if he were to lose a duel with her, he'd do whatever she wished.



He had agreed to countless more requests like that, and he granted every single one of them. She knew just how special that was—she knew it painfully well.

“Thank you, Your Highness.”

She was so nervous that she couldn’t look him in the face. Of course, Arnold didn’t stop spoiling Rishe.

“You could stand to be a little more selfish.”

“No, that’s too much!”

Rishe’s fiancé was very kind and that would almost certainly never change, even after their marriage. She also knew that Arnold valued her and that she needed to be more aware of the fact that she would soon be his wife.



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Congratulations on the release of the fifth volume of the “7th Loop” manga!!

My favorite scenes from the fifth volume are Arnold finding out about Rische dressing as a man, Arnold getting mad at Kyle, and the firefly scene!

I was excited reading every chapter of the story and seeing it being drawn to its full potential. Thanks to everyone’s support, this series is being made into an anime and the next volume of the manga is the climax of the second volume of the original novel. I am nothing but excited! I hope that you are looking forward to it!!

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I’m Hinoki Kino, and I’m in charge of the manga adaptation. Thank you for reading the fifth volume.

One of the scenes I loved from the second volume of the novel was the firefly scene and I was so excited to draw it! It was a good volume for Ar-Rische interactions. A big thank you to Amekawa-sensei for the wonderful bonus story! Please enjoy it!

Also, congratulations on the anime!! It’s like a dream to be able to see Rische and Arnold move and talk...

As a fan, I’m looking forward to it!

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Amekawa
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RISCHE AND THEO LOVING ON A CAT
THAT LOOKS LIKE HIS BROTHER.
(PRINCE ARNOLD WATCHING THEM.)

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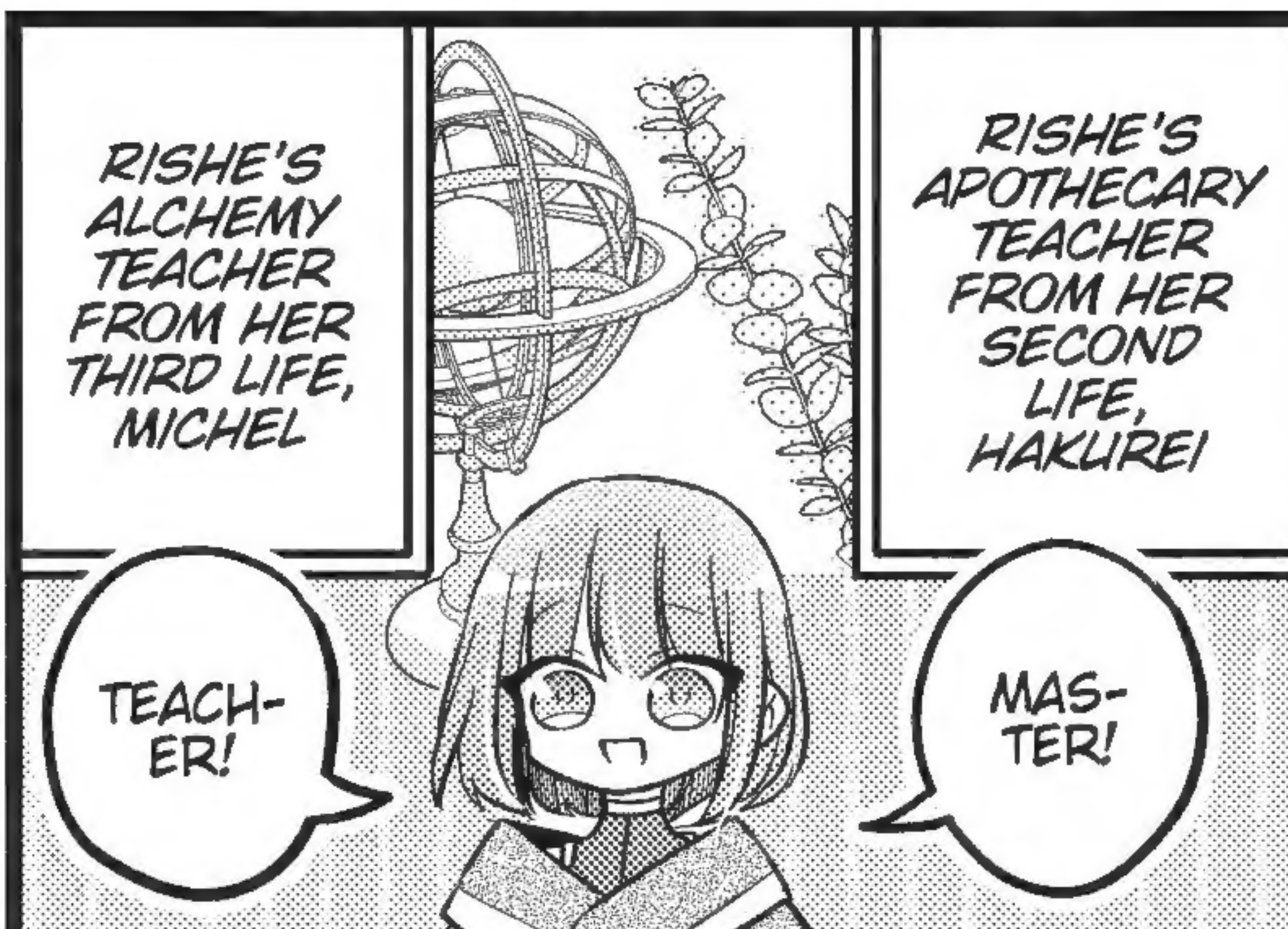
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